

AuSable Marathon Spectator Guide 2009



INSIDE: The 2009 Official Spectator Guide of the 62nd Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon contains paddler profiles and other information on the race. For a schedule of events for the AuSable River Festival, see Page 2A.

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SPORTS

Lajoie wins Spike's Challenge C-1 event



Steve Lajoie posted the best overall time - 0:42:33 - during Saturday's Spike's Challenge C-1 event - a race from Borchers AuSable Canoeing to Burton's Landing.

Lajoie, who also won the Spike's Challenge C-2 race (with Andrew Triebold) on Sunday, edged second place finisher Mo Harwood by 18 seconds during Saturday night's C-1 event. Russ Reker took third with a time of 0:43:37. Matt Rudnitsky placed fourth (0:43:50) and Bill Torongo took fifth (0:44:09).

Connie Cannon won the women's division with a time of 0:48:24. 14A

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Another record field expected for 2009 AuSable Marathon Race to start at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 25

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

More than 80 teams - possibly 90 - are expected to start the 62nd AuSable River Canoe Marathon - a 120-mile race from Grayling to Oscoda - on Saturday, July 25, at 9 p.m. at the Old AuSable Fly Shop.

As of the final cutoff on Monday, July 20, 90 teams were registered for this year's race. As many as 92

were signed up, but two teams withdrew prior to Monday afternoon. It is not unusual for one or two teams to withdraw between the final cutoff and the race's official start, so the final number may not be known until Saturday night. If it is anywhere in the 80s or 90s, as expected, the 2009 AuSable Marathon will easily set a new participation record for the third consecutive year.

Last year's marathon had a starting field of 76 teams. The 2007 AuSable Marathon - the event's 60th in its history - featured 75 teams. Prior to that, the record was 68, established in 2000.

With so many teams entering this year's race, marathon organizers have had to make a few changes in order to accommodate the record-setting field. The marathon briefing,

scheduled for 12 p.m. on Saturday, will be held at Grayling Middle School's play field instead of Citizens Bank.

"That will give us much more room to secure boats," said John Lucey, chairman of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee. "Ninety teams - we've had to make some adjustments."

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SPIKE'S CHALLENGE



Triebold, Lajoie win C-2 race

Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie, winners of last year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon, finished first in Sunday's Spike's Challenge C-2 event - a race from the Old AuSable Fly Shop in Grayling to McMasters Bridge. Triebold and Lajoie, who also won last year's Spike's Challenge, posted a final time of 2:39:06 this year. Sixty-seven teams competed in the C-2 race's Expert Class, and another 12 raced in the Expert II Class for a total of 79 paddling teams in this year's Spike's Challenge. Above, Triebold carries the front of their canoe to the river during the start of the C-2 race. Below, Lajoie paddles past the finish line at McMasters Bridge on Sunday. For more on the race, see Page 12A.

Photos by Caleb Casey



Battle brewing over county road millage funds

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Citing a 100-year-old state law, a battle is brewing between City of Grayling and Crawford County Road Commission officials over the collection of a county-wide road millage approved by voters last year.

In November 2008, Crawford County voters supported a five-year, one-mill proposal to fund the reconstruction and maintenance of county roads under the jurisdiction of the Crawford County Road Commission by a 3,531 yes vote to a 3,261 no vote. The millage, which will first be collected on the 2009 winter tax bills, will generate about \$543,000 per year for road repairs.

As Grayling City officials were planning for their 2010 budget, which began July 1, local officials learned that the city leaders plan to tap the county millage to fund major streets within the city limits from an article published in the May 7 edition of the *Crawford County Avalanche*. The funds city officials are seeking to obtain would be from taxes collected from city property owners for the county road millage.

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Grayling Charter Township moves forward with special assessment

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling Charter Township officials are moving forward with a two-fold plan to fund its trash transfer station and to help develop a long term county-wide recycling program.

The township board, at its regular monthly meeting last week, agreed that there was a need to have a \$45 special tax assessment fee on all improved properties in the township to fund trash collection and recycling. A second public hearing on the special tax assessment will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 6.

Under the proposal, the township would charge a \$45 tax assessment on all improved properties in Grayling Township, meaning properties where homes or other buildings have been built.

The special assessment would generate about \$161,000 per year to support the annual operations of Grayling Township's transfer station and recycling center on North Down River Road.

The tax levy would replace the \$60 decal currently required to dump trash at the transfer station. Currently, the decal only generate about \$45,000 to support transfer station and recycling operations.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said the township pays \$100,000 a

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

There will be two lanes open on the Business Loop for southbound traffic from M-72 East to M-72 West.

May 27: The open lanes will be a section that was recently resurfaced. Northbound traffic for this area will continue to be detoured through

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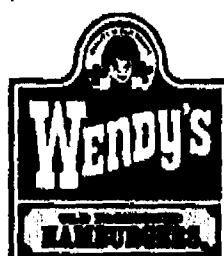
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Fly-Fishing: 101



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The Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited held its annual youth fly-fishing camp last week. The program, which is coordinated through the Crawford County Michigan State University (MSU) Extension's 4-H, was held at the MSU Wa Wa Sum Research Station and the Grayling Fish Hatchery. Above left, Peter Green, a Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited member, looks on as Levi Smith casts a fly line at the Grayling Fishing Hatchery. Above right, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fish Biologist Steve Sendek nets and shocks fish and invasive species from the AuSable River to show the variety of fish and habitat in the AuSable River. Below left, a youngster fishes in the AuSable River at Wa Wa Sum. Below right, John Huspen, a DNR conservation officer, talks to the youth about fishing regulations and ethics.

Township tackles river road ends

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

After years of addressing road end conflicts on Lake Margrethe, Grayling Charter Township officials are tackling similar issues on the AuSable River.

Grayling Township resident Jay Stephan Jr., whose family has a long history of building and guiding riverboats on the AuSable River, raised the road end issue with township officials last week.

Stephan said that some road ends are blocked or sloped, which prevents accessing the river or launching a riverboat. In other areas, gates and signs have been erected and trash accumulation is becoming a problem, Stephan said.

Road ends on lakes and rivers in northern Michigan have been a long-time issue for local government. Property owners living near the road ends seek to pre-

serve their property rights, privacy, prevent loitering and noise and the accumulation of trash. Government officials seek to have road end open to allow local residents and tourists access to lakes and rivers for launching boats and for swimming.

Stephan said the road end at Louie's Landing is a particular problem.

"It's an old road, it's a platted road and it's been there forever," said Shawn Krays, a Grayling Township Trustee and Crawford County Undersheriff.

Township officials plan to observe and take photos at all road ends along the river. They will then apply the township's road end ordinance to road ends on the river.

"We're not giving up our road ends," Grayling Township Trustee Dennis Long said. "They belong to the entire community."

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AUSABLE RIVER FESTIVAL 2009 Schedule of Events

<p>Thursday, July 23rd 9 am - 11 am - Marathon Coffee Break - at Citizens Bank 9am - 7pm - Used Book Sale- Devereaux Memorial Library - 201 Plum Street 5 pm - 7 pm - Business Relay Races - Starts at Penrod's & goes to Burton's Landing 7:15pm - AuSable River C-21 Express Race - Starts at Penrod's & goes to Burton's Landing</p>	<p>4 pm - 8pm - Grayling Eagles Pre-Marathon Steak and BBQ Dinner and Entertainment at the Grayling Eagles 4:30pm- Special Olympic's Canoe Races- at Penrod's Canoe Livery 6pm - Paddler's Dinner & Hall of Fame Induction- at Ramada Inn</p>	<p>16th Annual Roast, (hot dogs & hamburgers (with entertainment (a DJ) - at the Grayling Eagles Club Noon- 4pm- 14th Annual Chicken BBQ- by the Grayling Rotary Club (located at the American Legion Hall) Noon - 4pm - Ice Cream Social- at the United Methodist Church 3pm- AuSable River Festival Parade</p>
<p>Friday, July 24th 9am - 7pm - Used Book Sale- Devereaux Memorial Library - 201 Plum Street 10 am - Borcher's Annual Kids Race- The Casey Challenge - at Borchers's Canoe Livery 10 am - U-18 Canoe Race- at Borchers's Canoe Livery 10am - 7pm - Quilt Show - at the Icehouse 10am - 8pm - Arts and Crafts Show in the Grayling City Park 2pm - 5:45pm-Kirtland Community College Time Trials- at Penrod's Canoe Livery</p>	<p>Saturday, July 25th 9am - 7pm - Used Book Sale- Devereaux Memorial Library - 201 Plum Street 10am - 5pm - Quilt Show - at the Icehouse 10am - 6pm- Arts & Craft Show- in the City Park 9am - 30th Annual GRA 10K & 1 Mile Fun Run- Start and Finish at the Grayling High School football stadium Registration 7:30am - 8:30am 9am - 2pm - Classic Car Show - on Michigan Avenue 9am - 7pm- Food Court on Michigan Avenue</p>	<p>5pm- Not-So-World-Famous Challenge Races- Starts at Old AuSable and goes to Burton's Landing 5pm - AuSable River Challenge Race- at Old AuSable and goes to Burton's Landing 6 or 6:30pm- REMAX Hot Air Balloon - in the Grayling City Park parking lot. It will be tethered. Sunday, July 26th 8am - Black Bear Bicycle Tour- Shotgun start at Michigan Avenue</p>

Weather doesn't dampen spirits for Relay for Life of Crawford County

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Hands were held, tears were shed and laps were logged at the Relay for Life of Crawford County despite chilly temperatures and rain.

A record number of teams participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Crawford County held on Saturday and Sunday at the Grayling High School.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. It offers everyone in a community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of people camp out at a local high school, park or fairgrounds and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Relays are an overnight event up to 24 hours in length.

Teams of people from all walks of life have fun while raising much-needed funds to fight cancer and raise awareness of cancer prevention and treatment.

Relay For Life is a life-changing event that brings together more than 3.5 million people to:

- Celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer. The strength of survivors inspires others to continue to fight.

- Remember loved ones lost to the disease. At Relay for Life, people who have walked alongside people battling cancer can grieve and find healing.

- Fight Back. We Relay because we have been touched by cancer and desperately want to put an end to the disease.

Jessie Riddle, chairwoman of the Crawford County Relay for Life, said she was moved to become involved with Relay for Life after her aunt, Terri Hale Vanderwall of Wolverine, died from cancer three years ago.

"Watching her go through that made it so that I didn't want my friends or family to ever hear the words 'you have cancer,'" Riddle said.

Riddle's mother, Jacki Riddle, formed a Relay for Life team in honor of her sister, Terri.

A special education ParaPro at Grayling High School, Riddle organized a fund-raiser at the Grayling Elementary School for Relay for Life with teacher Dawn Feldhauser. Last year, fourth graders raised \$754 through pay-to-play events. Students were allowed to have extra recess time, chew gum or have lunch with their teachers for donations to Relay for Life. This year, the fund-raiser was expanded to all third through fifth graders at the Grayling Elementary School. The youngsters raised \$1,800 in just 11 days.

"Given the economy in this town, it's amazing they raised that amount of money in such a short time," Riddle said.

The fund-raisers also offered support to students whose lives have been impacted by cancer.

"The kids just poured their hearts out to me and told me about family members they have lost to cancer, people who have been treated for cancer and it was good outlet for them," Riddle said.

One of the main events for the Relay for Life of Crawford County is a survivors ceremony followed by a lap of cancer survivors waking around the track. The cancer survivors are then joined by their caregivers and loved ones for a lap around the track.

George McKim, of Grayling, was diagnosed with leukemia in 1995. The disease was in remission, but returned in 2008 and is now in a manageable through regular checkups.

McKim said walking the survivor's lap was heart wrenching as he recalled friends who have lost their battles with cancer but feels fortunate to still be alive after two bouts with the disease.

"A lot of progress has been made from the first time I was treated and the second as far as medical technology," McKim said. "It's just the good Lord and good medicine."

Gene Rauch, whose prostate cancer is in remission, was moved to tears after taking the survivors lap.

"We're just very, very fortunate," he said.

"We're just thankful he survived because a lot of people don't," added Rauch's wife, Shirley.

Kirk Thomas of Grayling, was recently treated for carcinoma, which started destroying the cartilage in his nose and in his ears.

"If feels good to be out here supporting myself, and other people in the community when it comes to dealing with cancer," Thomas said.

Catherine Hickey of Grayling had a mastectomy to remove a breast in 2002, but was fortunate not to have to go through radiation and chemotherapy treatment.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Hands were held, tears were shed and laps were logged at the Relay for Life of Crawford County despite chilly temperatures and rain. Above, Destiny Schans, age 8, and her grandmother, Laura Schans, who was treated for lung cancer, walk the survivor's lap with fellow Relay for Life cancer survivors and caregivers.

"I just want to be out here supporting our community and everyone that has been touched by cancer," Hickie said.

Laura Schans, who was treated for lung cancer, was joined by her granddaughter, Destiny Schans, and Hickey on her survivor's lap.

"You don't realize how fortunate you are and how remarkable it is to still be around until you get together and it's pretty amazing and pretty emotional," Schans said.

Mary Lynn Robertson, community relations coordinator for the American Cancer Society, said the Relay for Life of Crawford County raised over \$23,000, over half way to its fund-raising goal which ends on Aug. 31.

Robertson said the American Cancer Society was tickled to have a record number of over 25 teams participate in Relay for Life of Crawford County activities.

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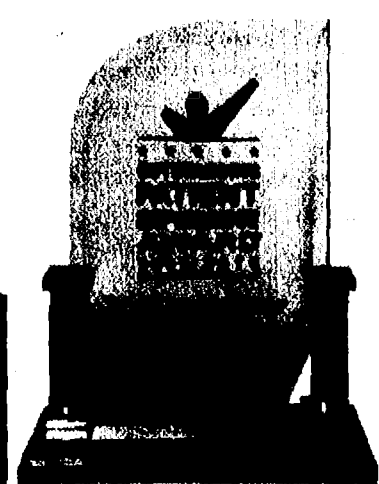
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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

How much is a trillion dollars? Plenty

DEFICIT GROWS – A recent newspaper headline trumpeted the news: "Federal deficit exceeds \$1 trillion."

That's a lot of money, and a lot of deficit spending.

The deficit in question is for the nine months of the present federal budget year, which runs October through September.

As of June 30, with three months to go during the budget year, the operating deficit had reached \$1.1 trillion. That's the first time the annual spending deficit has reached \$1 trillion, according to the news story about the history-making event.

Major reasons cited for the shortfall included huge sums spent on bailouts, stimulus payouts and other anti-recession measures, sharply lower tax collections, and paying for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Most taxpayers can't imagine a trillion of anything, but we know a trillion-dollar deficit is not good news. Most of us will roll our eyes and grab our pocketbooks and say "Wow!"

So how much is a trillion anyway? One trillion is the figure 1, followed by 12 zeroes. A trillion follows a billion, which follows a million, which follows a thousand, which follows a hundred.

That much is easy, but what does all that mean?

Last March, Mike Bernacchi, a marketing professor at University of Detroit Mercy, looked at President Obama's budget proposals for 2009, which at that time carried a projected deficit of about \$1.75 trillion, and provided some insights (as reported in a Neal Rubin column in *The Detroit News*).

According to Prof. Bernacchi's calculations, a \$1.75 trillion deficit for one year would work out to:

\$4,794,520,547.94 per day.

\$199,771,689.50 per hour.

\$3,329,528.16 per minute

\$55,492.14 per second.

Nobody knows for sure whether the federal budget deficit will reach \$1.75 trillion this budget year, but with \$1.1 trillion already on the books in red ink and three more months to go, it's entirely

possible.

Has our government overspent its allotted \$4.8 billion today so we can set a new record, or reach a projected \$1.75 trillion deficit?

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JACKSON FAREWELL – Michael Jackson is dead.

Motown Records in Detroit gave his career a terrific boost in the early days, and many of his Detroit fans claim him as their own.

Unfortunately for these fans, Michael Jackson is not buried in Detroit ... but two hearse-loads of teddy bears and other stuffed animals (some wearing a single white glove), plastic floral arrangements, posters, drawings, and other memorabilia showing devotion of his Detroit fans last week were placed into permanent rest at a Detroit cemetery.

In a remarkable example of sympathetic overkill, more-or-less traditional burial services were held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit for most of the stuff left at the Motown Museum by grieving Jackson fans after the death of their hero. Some of the mementoes

were kept by the Museum, where attendance and merchandise sales have spiked considerably upon Michael Jackson's death.

Confronted with the dilemma of what to do with the piles of unwanted memorabilia left at the Motown Museum, Woodlawn Cemetery came up with the answer, which just happened to generate excellent publicity.

The cemetery donated two burial plots and use of the hearses and other services, a vault company donated the vaults, a granite company donated a headstone (really).

Two hearses and seven cars, all carrying funeral flags, formed a five mile procession from the Museum to the cemetery. Detroit city police provided a police escort. A Museum official and a Detroit radio personality spoke at the interment, and volunteers in the crowd of about 40 people broke out in a medley of Jackson songs.

The headstone reads: "Motown Remembers The King of Pop Michael J. Jackson Aug. 29, 1958 – June 25, 2009 Song Writer,

Singer, Producer, Dancer, Choreographer, Humanitarian, Jackson 5 member, Soloist, 13 #1 Singles, 13 Grammys, 197 Awards & 17 Top 40 Hits. Rock & Roll Hall of Famer and Motown Legend. Gone Too Soon."

So rest in peace, Michael Jackson, out there in California.

And rest in peace, all the teddy bears, white gloves, fake flowers, pictures, posters and what-nots from his devoted and heart-broken fans, right here in Michigan.

This bizarre exhibit of crass emotionalism in some ways mirrors the combination of weirdness and commercialism that made Michael Jackson famous.

Of course, an unbelievable talent helped a lot, too.

(Footnote: Detroit police officials are reviewing city policies for use of police personnel and equipment for police escorts.)

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Letters to the Editor

Take advantage of free and low cost offerings in your own community

To the editor:

I attended the free concert last night at Citizens Bank. Thanks to the Chamber for bring us this series of events again this year.

I counted about 45 people there. In conversation today and last evening, everyone enjoyed the program.

I also think about all the times that I have heard and read from many different people that there is nothing to do here in Grayling. Where were you last night? This was free!! Where are you for the 4th of July Parade, the events in the city park, the school production and sport events (you don't have to have kids to attend), and the Christmas Walk? How about the farmer's market? Hanson Hills is a wonderful place to hang out, the playground is awesome, the fishing pond is fun, the trails to bike and walk are

beautiful. Hartwick Pines is \$6 a day, and the Swampers Base Ball Club is free from there. Fishing at Bright and Glory lakes is a site to see (caution, you need a trout stamp on your fishing license and a \$6 a day Michigan State Parks motor vehicle sticker). Michigan State Park Annual Resident stickers are \$24. That's four trips to Hartwick Pines, and it's good for all Michigan State Parks like North and South Higgins Lake and Tahquamenon Falls.

For other events in the community, check out www.crawfordplays.com. This is a Web site with a calendar of community events. It's worthy of checking out.

Turn off the TV, get the kids and get going! Take advantage of the free and low cost offerings in your own community.

Katie Tinker
Grayling

Turn the fish hatchery into a museum

To the editor:

Mrs. Brown, I am in full agreement with you about making the fish hatchery into a museum.

I grew up at the hatchery. My father and uncle worked

there for many years. I do not know how to set this up. Please, if anybody knows, let me know.

Janet SanCartier
Grayling

Where is the justice in this?

To the editor:

You let a cop get away for selling dope, on a felony charge, then you give a guy one year in jail for a misdemeanor. For a traffic violation! Where is the justice in

this? This man was teaching our children, and you wonder why this world is screwed up.

Harold Adams
Grayling

Vote yes for Proposal 1 or Proposal 2

To the editor:

The AARP tax aide program has used the Crawford County COA Center for many years to do taxes for seniors and low income taxpayers. When we started this program in Grayling, we only did about 30 tax returns per year.

The last two years, we have filed over 300 tax returns per year. If we did your taxes you know that most were done in the centers recreation room and

some were done in the storage room.

While waiting for your taxes to be done, you may have been entertained by the line dancers, the exercise group or one of the activities at the center. Sharing this area has been a strain on both the tax counselors and the tax payers.

We have seen a continued growth in the number of taxpayers we assist each year and with this growth we will require more room.

Nobody wants to have their taxes done in an open area, and we apologize for this situation. We have requested and have been assured that there will be adequate space in either of the new facilities. This space will give both the taxpayer and the tax counselor the privacy they need to file taxes. Please vote yes on Proposal 1 or Proposal 2.

Ron Gribb
AARP Tax Aide
local coordinator

The senior community needs your support

To the editor:

Over the years the greatest fact about living in Crawford County is that we, as a community recognize the need to help each other solve problems. We have helped and continue to support the hospital. We have

built all sorts of youth sports venues. Our schools have the best that is possible for the community because we all pulled together.

The senior community needs your support now in relocating to a place that will better serve the entire

aging community. It is urgent that you, I mean you, vote on Aug. 4. Our entire community will be better for it.

Barbara A. Selesky
Frederic

What Do You Think?

Join in the discussion online. The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles – including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column – on our Internet site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com.

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Recent editions of the *Avalanche* have generated the following responses:

5 blogs on this article: "Michigan Department of Corrections officials announced on Friday that Crawford County will lose 100 jobs and a prison facility

(Camp Lehman) that has called the area home for 46 years will be closed."

2 blogs on this article: "A former Grayling Department of Public Works employee was charged for assaulting his boss last week."

7 blogs on this letter to the editor: "I looked around the overall condition of the cemetery. Have you no sexton? Grass was not cut, graves were not trimmed up. Old stones not cared for."

7 blogs on this article: "Six Grayling Vikings earned all-league baseball honors in the Lake Michigan Conference this year, and two of them also earned all-district honors."

12 blogs on this letter to the editor: "(Grayling) is a ghost town. No decent place to shop. I go to Gaylord or Houghton Lake. I wish the county would get some new stores, half of the town is empty buildings."

12 blogs on this article: "A former Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy arrested for selling marijuana to a police informant was placed under house arrest Monday rather than serving time in jail due to his medical conditions."

8 blogs on this letter to the editor: "This is a great town. There may not be as many stores to shop in and our paper may be small, but at least we have them."

Briefs

Secretary of State to close

The Secretary of State offices will be closed on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25, due to mandatory state employee furlough days.

Summer Music Series to be held

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce will present its Summer Music Series on July 23 with "Keith Scott World of Blues" at 7 p.m. on the lawn at Citizen's Bank. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets.

COA group to go to Mackinac City

The Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, will host an Out to Lunch to Mackinac Crossings in Mackinac City on July 29. The cost is \$10. The bus leaves the center at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call the senior center at 348-7123 for reservations.

GHS cheerleaders to hold sale

The GHS cheerleaders will be holding a hot dog sale and a car wash at Glen's market on Thursday, July 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Church to host quartet

Bear Lake Christian Church, 221 E. Bear Lake Rd., Kalkaska, will host the Southern Gospel Quartet on July 26, at 6 p.m.

Hunter's Education class to be held

The Grayling Sportsman's Club is offering a Hunter's Education class on July 29 and Aug. 1. Call 348-1202 (evenings) for times and to enroll.

Church to hold concert

Ron DeMott will be in concert on July 26, at 11 a.m. at the Lovells Chapel. A love offering will be taken.

GLL top host state championship

Grayling Little League will host its first ever state championship tournament at the GHS softball field July 24 - 27. Eight teams of 13 and 14-year-old girls from across the state of Michigan will compete for the title of state champs. There will be raffles, concessions, activities, on-site T-shirt creations and music. A cookout dinner will be held at the field on Friday, July 24 at 6 p.m., a burger or brat or two hot dogs and cold salad, chips, watermelon, dessert and water or a soft drink for \$6.50.

Senator to hold local office hours

Sen. Tony Starnas, R-Midland, will conduct office hours in Grayling at the Riverside Room in the Crawford County Courthouse on Monday, Aug. 3, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The office hours are for residents to express their opinions or to request assistance with a state issue.

GRA to hold Adventure Day Camp

The Grayling Recreation Authority is taking registration now for Adventure Day Camp to be held July 27 - July 30 and Aug. 10 - Aug. 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$50 per week, per child (includes breakfast and lunch). For more information, contact Joni Dunckel at 348-9266.

Angelfood distribution announced

Angelfood distribution will be Saturday, July 25, at 12 p.m.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Tai Chi and Yoga held in the Mercy Healing Garden

For 10 years now, August remain popular not only because of her deep experience, but because of the special location, too, said Long.

"Our Tai Chi and yoga classes are the area's best-kept secret and we want people to know about it," said Marian Long, RN, MSN, and Coordinator of the Holistic Clinical Practice for Mercy Hospital Grayling. "Both are very beneficial to increasing flexibility and range of motion."

Tai Chi is a noncompetitive, self-paced system of gentle physical exercise and stretching loosely based on martial arts movements. Yoga is a series of poses or postures, each of which has specific physical benefits.

The classes are taught by Kaye Thomas-Hogan; they

"People love stretching and breathing in the Healing Garden," she said. "Its flowers, lovely shade trees, and beautiful setting keep people coming back year after year."

The classes begin on Aug. 6 and run each Thursday until Aug. 27, rain or shine. Tai Chi is from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.; yoga is from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wear loose clothing and bring a mat if practicing yoga. Cost is \$20 for the four-week session of one class or \$35 for four weeks of both Tai Chi and yoga.

For more information or to register, contact Marian Long at (989) 348-0428.

Senior Center presentations set

On August 4, Crawford County voters will be asked to vote on two ballot propositions.

The vote will determine if the Grayling Senior Center will be relocated and if so where.

Proposition One spends up to \$1.5 million to remodel the Fish Hatchery building. It will be paid by issuing a limited tax general obligation bond which will be paid off by the county out of their general fund. Proposition One would be enacted with no tax increase to property owners. The fish hatchery building has been inspected by architects and engineers as being sound.

Proposition Two spends up to \$2 million to build a brand new Senior Center building on the east side of the river on the Fish Hatchery County property. Proposition Two is funded by a tax increase to property

owners.

For every \$1,000 of taxable value on your business or home, an additional \$0.27 will be added.

If both propositions pass, the ballot language specifically states "the proposition receiving the highest number of affirmative (yes) votes shall prevail (be chosen)."

COA Director Alice Snyder will be reviewing the plans for both propositions at the following presentations:

Senior Center propositions presentations at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, at the Senior Center at 308 Lawndale St.

Proposition Presentations and Fish Hatchery tours from noon to 2 p.m. on Friday, July 24 and from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28.

For more information, contact Snyder at 348-7123.

Dedication of the 225th Infantry Memorial

On July 31, the 225th Infantry Light Guard will be dedicating a memorial monument at Camp Grayling.

This monument will be dedicated to the officers and enlisted men and women of the Detroit Light Guard who loyally served their state and nation with honor and distinction for over 162 years.

On Aug. 31, 1992, the 1st Battalion, 225th Infantry was deactivated, converted and redesignated. Its illustrious history was terminated and its colors and battle streamers were retired.

The dedication of the 225th Infantry Detroit Light Guard monument will forever memorialize the sacrifices and loyal service of this great organization and etch its history in stone for the benefit of future generations.

The ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 31, at the Chapel Memorial Park at Camp Grayling.

Registration open for 4-H Sports

Registration is now open for 4-H Sports Thursdays.

This new club meets every Thursday from July 23 until Aug. 20, 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m., at the fairgrounds sports fields.

Participants can choose to play softball, touch football or soccer. They can also jump rope, hula hoop or play other games.

Youth will be split into at least two groups, depending on participation. Youth

ages five through eight (on Jan. 1, 2009) will play together without keeping score.

Youth ages nine and above will play on a different field.

The cost is \$2 per session, plus \$10 yearly 4-H participation fee. Register at the MSU Extension office in the basement of the courthouse. Call 989-344-3264 for more information.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for July 5 of \$25 each; Steve Grun and Mike Higgins, the winners for July 12 were: Steve Pepsin and Natasha Osborne; and the winners for July 19 were: John and Blackie Haynes and Mark Hartman.


Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for July 17 was Andy Moore.

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**Friday Nights~ Fish Fry \$10.99**  
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**Saturday Nights~ Prime Rib \$15.95**  
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# The Bible Speaks

## Christ or Chaos?

In Romans 9:33 Paul used the prophet Isaiah to prove God had already prophesied hundreds of years before the importance of accepting their coming Messiah: "33As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

"As it is written" reminds us the Jews were warned in Isaiah 8:13,14 they would either worship and take sanctuary in their coming Messiah, or they would take offence and stumble over Him: "13Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. 14And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem."

"Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence," reminds us that it was God the Father who sent His only begotten Son to be that foundation stone. As Paul said in 1 Cor. 3:11:

"11For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." "In Sion" or Zion reminds us of John 1:11: "11He came unto his own, and his own received him not." "A stumblingstone and rock of offence" reminds us of how the Jews rejected their own Messiah.

Some reasons they rejected Him: They were offended by His virgin birth in John 8:41, yet it was prophesied in Isaiah 7:14. They were offended by his humble family background in Matthew 13:55,56. They were offended by his lack of formal education in John 7:15,16. They were offended by his non-elite status or image in John 7:48; 12:42. They were offended by his claim to be the Son of God and tried to stone him in John 10:30-33. They were offended by his teaching or doctrine in Luke 19:47: "47And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him." They were offended by his miracles and successful ministry in John 11:47,48. They were offended by His cross in

Matthew 27:40-42; Mark 15:30-32; and Galatians 5:11,12,14. They even said in Matthew 27:25: "...His blood be on us, and on our children."

But Jesus Christ is also the rock of salvation: "and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." This is from Isaiah 28:16: "16Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste." "11For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. 12For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Rom 10:11-13). Peter says in Acts 4:11,12, there is only one name to trust in, Jesus Christ the chief corner stone of our salvation. Pastor "B"

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## Obituaries

### Thomas E. St. Germain

Thomas E. (coach) St. Germain, 85, of Grayling, passed away on July 18, 2009.

He was born on March 7, 1924, in Baraga, to Chauncey and Ilene (Burke) St. Germain.

He served in the Air Force during WWII in Italy.

He married Marie A. Kakkuri on December 29, 1945, in Detroit.

He taught and coached in Escanaba for eight years, then taught and coached in Pellston for five years and then ended his teaching and coaching in Grayling, with 20 years before retiring.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Grayling.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marie St. Germain; sons, Thomas S. St. Germain (Sam) and wife, Brenda, Gerald S. St. Germain; daughter, Donna M. St. Germain; four grandchildren: Jessica Spero, Jillian St. Germain, Jeff St. Germain, Erika Bellinger; and great-grandson, Jase Bellinger.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a daughter, Nancy St. Germain.

A mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Wednesday, July 22, at 11 a.m. with military honors following.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the American Legion Post 106 or the Grayling Youth Booster Club.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

### Wayne M. Hayes

Wayne "Mike" Hayes, 62, loving brother, friend and dearest companion, passed away on July 6, 2009, in Brandon, Fla., after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer, with his family at his bedside.

He was born on February 16, 1947, in Flint to Amos and Zoe (Williams) Hayes.

His greatest joys were his family, close friends and loving a long-time companion, Linda McKenna.

He loved music, especially motown, the AuSable River, wild tiger lily flowers and listening to Tiger ball games on the radio. He loved a good joke and was a terrific storyteller. He was a man of great honor.

He was an honest man and well respected so much that three of his friends named their sons after him.

He was a hard worker, a licensed welder and did construction work.

He was quite a character, but dependable to a fault and a courageous defender of the underdog.

He is survived by his life companion, Linda McKenna; brother John Hayes (Shirly); sisters, Ann Moss, Mary Marelich (Dennis); nieces and nephews: Amy Bullock (Allen) and son Chase, Shane Hayes (Angie) and daughter, Haylee, Suzette Burr (Dave) and sons, Anthony, Tim and Dave Burr, Richard Moss and sons Christopher and Nicholas, Mary Smith and daughters Katy and Amber, Terra Bryant and children Devlin and Mallory.

Survived by best friend Jimmy (J.J.) Jorgenson.

Also survived by Kimberly Lemming (Paul) Amber daughter, grandchildren Dalton and Isabell, Tracey Richey (George) children: Leann and James Jones, Joseph Richey, Kenneth and Rhonda Campbell and beloved pets, Mocha and Muggie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and grandparents, Ma and Pa Kennedy (Ann and Bill).

A memorial service was held at Tampa Hospice Hospital. A memorial service will be held at the AuSable at a later date to be announced.

He is now with his beloved grandmother "Ma." God Bless Him.

### J. Lee Hamrick

J. Lee Hamrick, 82, of Grayling, formerly of Lansing, passed away July 11, 2009.

He was born on June 22, 1927, in Detroit, to Hugh Hamden and Jessie May (Howell) Hamrick.

He was a real estate broker for most of his adult life in the Lansing and Grayling areas.

He was a Navy veteran of the Asiatic Pacific Campaign, he was also a Master Mason and a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Peggy (McBride) of Grayling; children, Terry (Cherry) of Lansing, Rick of Houston, Texas, Babs (Garry) Smith of Wilcox, Ariz.; grandchildren, Utah (Kristy) of Austin, Texas, Lacey (Jeremy) Freeman of Rockledge, Fla.; great-grandchildren, Robert and Taylor Freeman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Hugh Lake Hamrick; and daughter-in-law, Carol Hamrick.

His family celebrated his life in a private ceremony.

A special thank-you is extended to Mercy Hospice. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice of Grayling.

## Military News

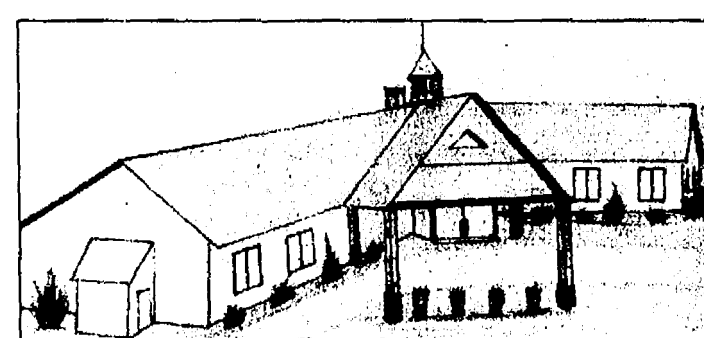
Air Force Airman 1st Class Justin M. Denno has arrived for duty at Little Rock Air Force Base, Jacksonville, Ark.

Denno, a fire fighter, is assigned to the 19th Civil Engineer Squadron.

He is the son of Guy Nemeth of Gaylord and Helen R. Keller of Frederic.

The airman is a 2008 graduate of Grayling High School.

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**Senior Center Propositions Presentations**  
**Monday, July 20th @ 5:30pm**  
**Thursday, July 23rd @ 12:30pm**  
Located at the Senior Center  
308 Lawndale St.

**Proposition Presentations & Fish Hatchery Tours**  
(Enter off of Michigan Ave.)  
**Friday, July 24th 12pm - 2pm**  
**Tuesday, July 28th 5:30 - 7:30pm**

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**Christian Science Society**  
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord  
(989) 732-7001  
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am  
April through October  
2nd & 4th Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 am

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church** • Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo  
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974  
www.michelsonmemorial.org • Barrier Free  
Traditional Service ..... 9 am  
Coffee Hour ..... 10 am  
Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) ..... 11 am  
Adult Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Praise & Worship Service ..... 11 am  
(Childcare Available)

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor: David Jorgensen  
(989) 348-1909 • Services held Saturday at  
Camp Aulsebrook off M-72 East (1st building  
on right inside camp entrance)  
Saturday Church Service ..... 9:30 am  
Sunday Sabbath School ..... 10:30 am  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

**Lovells Community Chapel**  
(Bible based and non-denominational)  
Pastor: Larry Hankins  
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells  
(989) 348-2701  
Sunday School (youth & adult) ..... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Wed Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7-8 pm

**Grayling Free Methodist**  
Pastor: Rick Secord  
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093  
Early Service ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Morning Service ..... 11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ..... 7 pm

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Adult & Youth Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-5558  
heritagebaptist-grayling.org  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
(1/4 mile west of I-75)  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Afternoon Worship ..... 12:45 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Pastor: Gary Wojdan  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Parsonage (989) 348-7466  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed) 7 pm

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Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am



**St. Martin Lutheran Church**  
510 South St.  
Roscommon

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor: Dale Hammond  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Unity Church of Today North**  
Minister: Terry Dickinson  
Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study  
available at timrd@freeway.net

**Luzerne Baptist**  
Pastor: James Durfee • 2247 Durfee Lane  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor: Patricia Petrie - (989) 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth  
Service ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm  
Friday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
(van transportation available)

**Community of Christ**  
Pastor: Ann Doty • North Down River Rd. at  
1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751  
Church School ..... 9:45 am  
Preaching ..... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.  
Parish Office - 707 Spruce  
(989) 348-7657  
Saturday Evening Masses ..... 4:30 pm  
Sunday Masses ..... 10 am

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
Reverend: Elizabeth Chace  
M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850  
Morning Prayer Tue-Fri ..... 8:30 am  
Eucharist (Wed) ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday Holy Eucharist ..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

**Resurrection Life Center**  
Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann  
Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738  
reslifeccenter.com • Phone: (989) 348-1000  
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am  
Midweek Services (Wed) ..... 7 pm  
E-mail: reslifeccfellowship@hotmail.com

**Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop  
(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)  
(989) 348-5921  
Sunday Worship Service ..... 10:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett  
M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) ..... 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. - (989) 275-8613  
In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on  
TV 29 & 8 ..... 7:30 am  
Sunday Classes ..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 pm  
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Midweek Bible Study (Wed) ..... 7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor: Lyle Studer  
211 Shellenbarger St. - (989) 348-5325  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am & 6 pm  
Wednesday Evening ..... 7 pm

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# Rivertown Party Store opens doors for business

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A landmark Grayling area business reopened with a blast earlier this month.

The Rivertown Party Store, formerly Larry and Joan's Place, reopened on July 1 after being closed since last fall.

The business is now owned and operated by Jason Neeley and his girlfriend Jody Hanson. The couple made an offer to buy the business from Larry and Joan Mattis this winter, and closed on the purchase on May 20.

The couple already operate Rivertown Construction, which has been in business for seven years, and will also run that business out of the store.

"We wanted to start another business and we wanted to keep this place going," Neeley said.

After a month's worth of remodeling and revamping the interior of the store, Rivertown Party Store opened on July 1, in time for the Fourth of July weekend and the AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

The store carries a wide array of snack and grocery items, newspapers, beer, wine and liquor. It also carries a limited amount of fishing, fly-fishing and hunting supplies.

In addition, the Rivertown Party Store added gasoline for local customers and people passing by on M-72. The store is located 13 miles from Grayling and 15 miles from Luzerne.

"We're here to meet the needs of the local customers and people are saying how much easier it is to come here than to go into town," Hanson said.

The Rivertown Party Store is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

Eventually, the Rivertown Party hopes to add ice cream, fresh hot pizza, more hunting and fishing equipment, accessories and licenses and an ATM machine.

Larry and Joan's Place started in March 1971 and

the Mattis operated the local grocery store up until Nov. 30, 2008. The building was built in 1955 and was known as the Kellogg's Place. That business was owned by Dorothy and Carl Kellogg and featured a restaurant.

Larry and Joan intended to reopen the store in April, but were swayed into selling the store and the enter into the retirement life though the current owners' eagerness to obtain the business.

Joan said the last few years have been difficult with the struggling economy, high gas prices and lack of downstate tourists.

"I just didn't have it in me and I just didn't have the push," Joan said.

Larry and Joan now live in an apartment near the Grayling Senior Center and feel fortunate to be able to do what they want to, whenever they want to. They have seen many friends and customers since making the move into retirement.

"We miss the people and the friendships we have had over the years with the customers," Joan said.

Joan said they wish Neeley and Hanson all the best as the Rivertown Party Store moves forward.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

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"We wish them the very best," Joan said. "They really wanted it, they are both real friendly people and the customers were really anxious to see them get in there."

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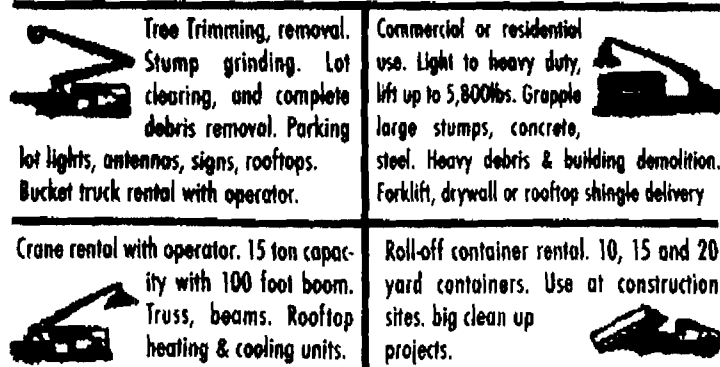
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# Battle brewing over county road millage funds

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City officials are citing Public Act 238 of 1909, better known as the Public Highways and Private Roads Act, which governs the allocation and use of tax revenues after a tax levy is submitted to the electorate.

The state law says that all tax funds allowed to be captured by a millage or bond issue should go to the county treasurer. Exceptions are made, however, for the amount of county primary roads and major streets within cities and villages. In addition, the statute says that revenues shall be distributed to cities and villages for the proportion of state equalized values each jurisdiction has compared to the state equalized values of unincorporated areas in the county. The City of Grayling was incorporated from being a village to city in 1935. Finally, city officials argue that taxes collected from city property owners should not go to subsidize roads in the townships.

William Carey, the attorney for the Crawford County Road Commission, acknowledged the state statute in a June 25 letter to the Grayling City Council.

"We would simply

observe, however, that the ballot language is clear and the voters have spoken," Carey said. "The opportunity to object to the action taken by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners regarding the millage request, has long since been lost through inaction."

The action Carey referred to was a May 2008 vote by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to place the road millage on the general election ballot.

The ballot language was written by Crawford County Road Commission officials. The county board, however, has a common practice of asking Paul Wygoski, the county's bond counsel, to review ballot proposals.

Crawford County Treasurer Joe Wakeley said Wygoski was asked to give an opinion on if the ballot language met with state law. Wakeley added that city, county officials and the bond counsel were not aware of the statute in question when the ballot language was proposed.

"The citizens voted, and the intent of the vote was that all the money would go to the road commission - no matter what unit of government it was collected in," Wakeley said.

County Commissioner Mike Lange questioned the review of the ballot measure

and the responsibility for the current tax collection snafu.

"We pay the guy and I'm not casting stones at him," Lange said. "If in fact looked at it, I don't know what his marching orders were."

During the 2008 election cycle, David Sabin, the former attorney for the City of Grayling, was asked to resign as he was campaigning for the Crawford County Prosecutor's position. Roscommon attorney Gerald Brabant, who specializes in municipal law and road law, has since been serving as the city attorney.

County Administrator Paul Compo said the road commission would lose \$65,000 to \$70,000 if the city takes its share of road funds from the millage.

Wakeley noted that the election could be declared invalid or the tax could not be collected on properties in the city. An agreement may also be reached between the city and road commission, allowing the road commissions to provide services to the city for the taxes collected in Grayling.

"It very well may need to be litigated before we get a definitive answer of what you can do," Wakeley said.

Road Commission and City of Grayling officials plan to have upcoming meetings in hopes of resolving the issue.

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"We stand ready to meet and discuss," said Grayling City Manager David Thayer. "We think the law is pretty clear, the case law is pretty clear and the precedents are pretty clear."

Don Babcock, managing director for the Crawford County Road Commission, said the road commission board is standing firm behind their position.

"Our board does not feel that they should be eligible for any of the funds," Babcock said. "The ballot language was pretty self explanatory. It didn't say anything about the city. It was about the roads under jurisdiction of the road commission."

Wakeley said he would need to know if the road millage will be collected county-wide or if the tax will not be collected in the city by mid-November.

Compo said the county will incur no legal fees if the dispute moves into the court room.

"Certainly we have an interest, but we have no dog in this fight," Compo said.

County Commissioner Scott Hanson said that county board would put its best foot forward if faced with a similar dilemma, even though every municipality is pinching pennies to survive, maintain employees and provide services.

"If this board was put in this position, we all know what we would do in a heartbeat - stand up," Hanson said.

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## Another record field expected for 2009 AuSable Marathon

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Perhaps the biggest adjustment will be the expansion of Time Trials for Starting Position (Thursday and Friday, July 23 and 24).

"We're trying to squeeze everyone in," Lucey said. "We always get behind, so we want to be as efficient as we can."

The AuSable Marathon is the second leg of the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing. The first leg is New York's General Clinton Canoe Regatta (GCCR), an event that featured 43 finishers this year. The GCCR is held during Memorial Day weekend. The third leg is Quebec's La Classique Internationale de Canots, a three-stage race held during Labor Day weekend. Last year's La Classique had 85 teams and 72 of them finished.

Of the 78 teams that started the 2008 AuSable Marathon, 66 reached the finish line in the required 19 hours - 85 percent. In 2007, 74 percent of the starting field - 58 of 75 - reached the finish line. Several teams often withdraw during the race or are eliminated by failing to meet timing criteria at one of the race's 15 checkpoints. Teams withdraw due to a number of different reasons, including injury, illness, fatigue, or equipment failure.

The fastest teams will reach the finish line in Oscoda in 14 to 15 hours, between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. Last year's winners - Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie - finished in 14:09:06. The winners of the 2007 AuSable Marathon - Triebold and Matt Rimer - posted a final time of 14:48:55.

Which teams might vie for a top 10 spot in this year's sizeable field?

Triebold and Lajoie, last year's champions, are back this year. They won the 2009 and 2008 Spike's Challenge C-2 races and the 2008 and 2009 GCCR races. Triebold and Lajoie also won the AuSable Marathon in 2004.

Matt Streib and Steve Corlew placed second together in the 2007 AuSable Marathon. Streib finished second last year (with Steve

Kolonich). Streib took third in this year's GCCR (with Steve Rankinen) and second in 2008 (also with Rankinen). Streib and Corlew took second in the 2009 Curley Memorial, a race in Oscoda similar to the Spike's Challenge.

Nick Walton and Josh Sheldon took fourth at this year's GCCR. Walton finished ninth and 10th, respectively, in the 2008 and 2007 AuSable Marathons (with Pete Mead). Sheldon placed 14th in last year's marathon (with Joe Shaw). Walton and Sheldon took fifth in the 2009 Curley Memorial and fourth in the 2009 Spike's Challenge.

Rick Joy and Russ Reker took eighth and 10th (with Brad Gross and David Teddy, respectively) during last year's marathon. Joy, who's in his 33rd AuSable Marathon, has finished as high as third. Joy and Reker took sixth in the 2009 Curley Memorial and third in the 2009 Spike's Challenge.

Tony Short and Brad Gross finished seventh and eighth in last year's AuSable Marathon (with Brad Bauer and Joy, respectively). Short, who's in his 22nd marathon, placed fifth in the 2007 race (with Bauer). Gross took seventh in 2007 (with Dave Jensen). Short (and Bauer) placed sixth in the 2008 Spike's Challenge and Gross (with Joy) was ninth. Gross and Short took eighth in the 2009 Curley Memorial.

Josh Taylor and Mitch McMillan took sixth in the 2007 AuSable Marathon. Taylor finished sixth last year (with Matt Meersman). Taylor placed 12th in this year's GCCR (with Sean Casey). Taylor and McMillan took fifth in the 2007 Spike's Challenge. McMillan and

Taylor finished seventh in the 2009 Curley Memorial and 10th in the 2009 Spike's Challenge.

Mo Harwood and Matt Ashton, the last team to register for this year's AuSable Marathon, took fourth at the 2009 Curley Memorial and second in the 2009 Spike's Challenge. Harwood placed fourth in the 2006 AuSable Marathon (with Lajoie) and fifth in the 2005 AuSable Marathon (with Ted Kolka).

Matt Rudnitsky and Marc Gillespie finished third as a team in the 2008 GCCR. They finished second in the 2008 La Classique. Rudnitsky took second in the 2009 GCCR (with Kyle Kiser) and finished fifth in the 2008 AuSable Marathon (with Ray Trudgeon).

Trudgeon and Bauer both posted top 10 finishes in last year's marathon (fifth and seventh, respectively). Bauer took fifth in 2007 (with Short). Bauer and Trudgeon finished sixth and eighth, respectively, in last year's Spike's Challenge. They took 11th in this year's Spike's Challenge.

S. Kolonich, who's paddling with his father, Ken Kolonich, finished second in the 2008 AuSable Marathon (with Streib). K. Kolonich, who's paddling in his 21st marathon, has also finished as high as second. The Kolonichs finished third in the 2009 Curley Memorial.

The first part of the AuSable Marathon - Time Trials for Starting Position, a two-day event - will be held on Thursday, July 23, and Friday, July 24, at Penrod's. Time Trials will run from 3-9 p.m. on Thursday and 2-6 p.m. on Friday. At Time Trials, each AuSable Marathon team will paddle a looped course. Final times

determine placement for the run to the river during Saturday's AuSable Marathon start. The fastest teams will finish in approximately five minutes.

Time Trials will usually provide a good forecast of which teams will finish in the top spots during the marathon. In general, the top teams at sprints will also finish strong during the actual race. Last year, the top 13 teams at Time Trials also finished in the top 13 during the marathon, although not in the exact same order.

On the night of Saturday, July 25, teams will line up according to sprint times near the post office and Citizens Bank for the race start. At 9 p.m., teams will pick up their canoes and run down Peninsular Avenue and Ingham Street to the river at the Old AuSable Fly Shop. From there, it is 120 miles, most of which will be paddled during the darkness of night, to the finish line at Oscoda.

With the ongoing I-75 Business Loop construction project, traffic this weekend will include detours. The setup will be like the July 4 weekend. According to the City of Grayling, two lanes of traffic will be open on the southbound portion of the Business Loop from Wednesday night (July 22) until Monday, July 27. Northbound Business Loop traffic will continue to be routed through the Maple Street detour.



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## Trout Unlimited marks 50th anniversary



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Hundreds of people attended Trout Unlimited's Michigan Celebration at the Department of Natural Resources's (DNR) Rayburn property on Saturday to mark the 50th anniversary of the organization for anglers and conservationists. DNR Director Rebecca A. Humphries and Rep. Rebekah Warren (D-Ann Arbor), who recently introduced legislation to protect Michigan's residents, economy, animals and water from several invasive species, attended a special presentation at the event. Above, Sean Peckens and Jeremy Peckens, the sons of Ron Peckens from the Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited, had trout and salmon painted on their faces. Above right, Peter Green, a Frederic resident who operates Cork and Cane, a businesses which imports bamboo and cork for fly-fishing rods, casts a fly line during the celebration.

## Grayling Charter Township moves forward with special assessment

Continued from 1A  
year to have the huge containers of compacted trash hauled away.

Township officials stressed that they are trying to fund the trash transfer operations while supporting recycling operations so that one program compliments but does not compromise the other.

"We're still running county-wide recycling on our nickel," Grayling Township Trustee Dennis Long said.

Besides adopting the special assessment fee, the plan calls for Crawford County to purchase a fork-lift capable of entering semi trailers. This will allow more recyclables to be stacked and shipped. Currently, the trailers are loaded with a tractor, which limits the amount of materials that can be sent and funds received for the products.

The township board would agree to purchase a portable loading ramp.

Crawford County will continue to haul styrofoam products to a collection site in Mt. Pleasant, and will continue to haul recycling trailers from outlying townships to the recycling center. A scale will be purchased to weigh the amount of recyclables on the trailers.

Finally, the county, township and the City of Grayling will continue to pay \$16,000 to pay two part-time employees at the recycling center.

Recently, the township changed to a new recycling broker, Metro Recycling Solutions in Detroit. Earlier this month, the broker paid

to ship a load of cardboard to a buyer and the township received \$200 for the load.

Over time, the township hopes to have a barcode system that would record the amount of trash each person brings to the transfer station. A limit of seven bags week per household will be allowed to be placed in the transfer station with the special assessment sticker. Additional bags would cost \$1.50 each and no billing would take place.

"That would be a nightmare, sending people bills and trying to collect money," Wright said.

Mark Brant, a Lake Margrethe property owner from Monroe, said he did not favor a proposal of requiring the stickers being limited to one vehicle used to transport the garbage. Township officials were seeking a way to deter people from lending their stickers to friends and family and people who live outside of Grayling Township.

"You just might try to solve a problem that doesn't exist," Brant said. "It might not be as rampant of a problem as you think."

By Jan. 1, 2010, a committee of county, township and city officials will be formed to work on the long-term recycling program.

The township board discussed expanding hours to allow people with second homes and tourists to use the transfer station and recycling station.

Jim Hutton, of Royal Oak, supported the special assessment and expanded hours when he and his family are at their home on Lake Margrethe.

"I think this is a good

way to go," Hutton said. "Compared to what they charge to take care of trash downstate - this is a good deal."

By June 1, 2010, the recycling committee will implement a recycling promotional program to increase the amount of households who recycle and boost the volume of materials the center receives.

Grayling Township will also conduct a property survey on the Grayling Little League fields with plans to locate a 5,000 square foot building on the property. The City of Grayling and Grayling Township recently agreed to trade the little league property for the township's interest in the former fire department building.

Supporting the Grayling Little League in relocating fields to the Crawford County Sports Complex will be a major task for county and township officials.

"They have plan to move, but the little league can use the fields as long as they want to," Wright stressed.

By Jan. 2011, the recycling committee will seek grants for the construction of the storage building and outfitting the new recycling facility. The plan is to become a regional collection site for recyclable materials.

By May 1, 2011, each municipality in the county will agree to a county-wide ballot issue or surcharge that will be placed before voters.

The ultimate goal is to turn the recycling operations over to Crawford County by April 1, 2012.

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## Crowl, Hoffman wed



**Brianne Crowl and Eric Hoffman**

Brianne Marie Crowl and Eric William Hoffman were united in marriage on June 20, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. at the Church of God in Houghton Lake.

Brianne is the daughter of Randy Crowl of Rootstown, Ohio and Patti Dennis of Roscommon.

Eric is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hoffman of Grayling.

The bride is a 2003 grad-

uate of Grayling High School. She is currently employed at the Good Shepherd Child Development Center in Roscommon.

Eric is a 1999 graduate of Grayling High School. He is currently employed as a corrections officer at Camp Lehman in Grayling.

The couple reside in Grayling, with their two daughters, Noelle and Mya.

## Makowskis celebrate 50 years



**Mr. and Mrs. William H. Makowski**

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Makowski (Betty), celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a family dinner on June 27.

They were married on June 27, 1959, at the First Baptist Church in Wayne, where they both grew up. They also lived in the Pinckney area for quite a while before they both retired from General

Motors in 1991.

They have been part-time Grayling residents for about the last 10 years, as they travel south in the winter when the snow begins to fall.

The couple has one son, Steven (Annetta) of Grayling; granddaughter, Miranda and grandson, Nicholas of Whitmore Lake.

## Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, July 24 - Lunch - meat loaf, whole potatoes, green beans and a banana. No dinner. 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Fish Hatchery Tour, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, July 27 - Lunch - beef goulash, corn, cauliflower and mixed fruit. Dinner - swiss steak, boiled potatoes, green beans and plums. 10 a.m. quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, July 28 - Lunch - baked ham with apple glaze, baked beans, cole slaw and pineapple. Dinner - chicken and dumplings, cauliflower, beets and mandarin oranges. 10 a.m. Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Fish Hatchery Tour.

Wednesday, July 29 - Lunch - Barbecue chicken breast, stuffing, mixed vegetables, sliced carrots and an orange. Dinner - lasagna, broccoli, cauliflower, oranges and grapefruit and apple crisp. 10:30 a.m. Out to Lunch at Mackinaw City, 1 p.m. pool league, 5:30 p.m. Hospice of Michigan Bingo.

Thursday, July 30 - Lunch - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, wax beans and peaches. Dinner - hot roasted turkey, stuffing, boiled potatoes, winter blend vegetables and applesauce. 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

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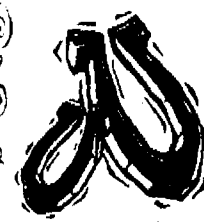
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Range 20 and 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Rd., west of the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Rd. and east of the gas pipeline, July 30 - Aug. 5.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of county Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), July 30.

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## Library News

The Crawford County Library has a float called "Tom Sawyer ... the AuSable River is Calling You" in the big AuSable River Festival parade on Saturday, July 25. We ask that participating children meet in the Devereaux Memorial Library parking lot at 2 p.m. that day and bring their permission slips along with comfortable shoes.

The C.C.L.L. Book Club will meet on Tuesday, July 28 at 5 p.m. to discuss "Madapple" by Christina Meldrum. The author is a former resident of Grayling

whose current and next book has been picked up by Random House Publishing.

The "Be Creative Wrap Up Party" is scheduled for Thursday, July 30 at 11 a.m. Join us at the Devereaux Memorial Library for an original performance by Chad Patterson and the Acting Up Theatre Company. Enjoy this lively performance about the joys and laughter of reading called "Be cREADative." Food, fun, awards and the grand prize drawing for two bikes will conclude the children's portion of the summer reading program.

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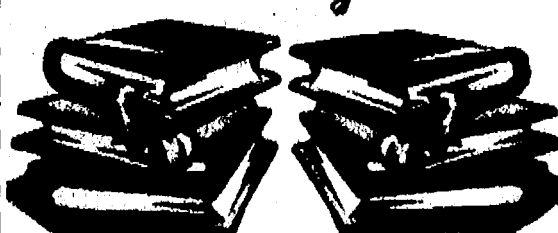
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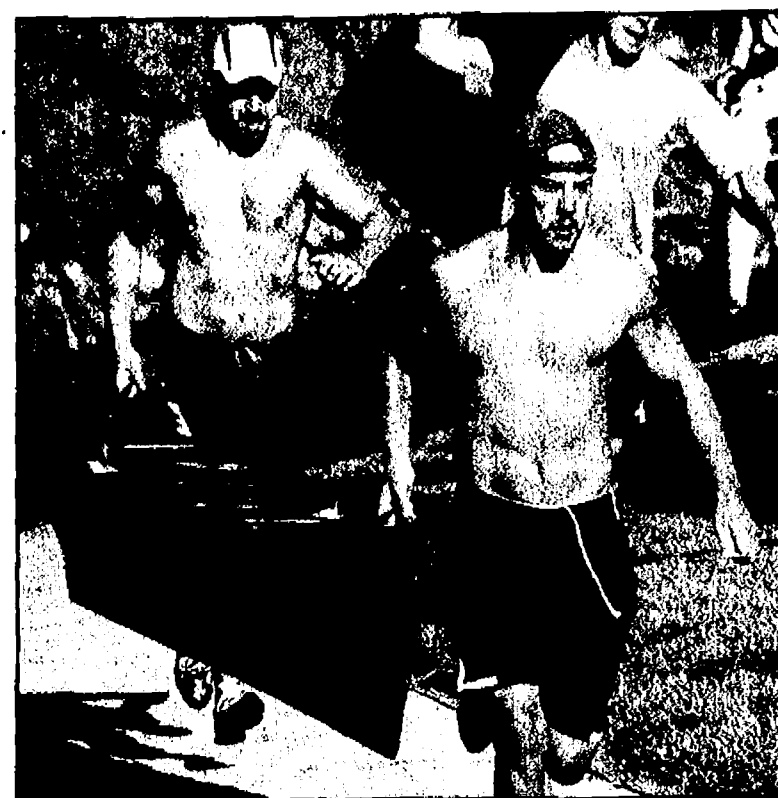
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Photos by Caleb Casey

Nick Walton and Josh Sheldon, left, and Mo Harwood and Matt Ashton, right, run with their canoes to the water at the Old AuSable Fly Shop during Sunday's C-2 race start.

MORE FROM THIS WEEKEND: Sprints 13A | C-1 Race 14A

## Triebold, Lajoie win Spike's Challenge C-2 race 79 teams race from Grayling to McMasters

by Caleb Casey  
 Senior Staff Writer

Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie, winners of last year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon, finished first in Sunday's Spike's Challenge C-2 event – a race from the Old AuSable Fly Shop in Grayling to McMasters Bridge, the fourth timing checkpoint of the AuSable Marathon.

Sixty-seven teams competed in the C-2 race's Expert Class, and another 12 raced in the Expert II Class for a total of 79 paddling teams in this year's Spike's Challenge.

Triebold and Lajoie, who also won last year's Spike's Challenge, posted a final time of 2:39:06 this year. Matt Ashton and Mo Harwood finished second (2:44:44) and Rick Joy and Russ Reker (2:45:12) placed third.

Other top 10 finishers included: 4) Josh Sheldon and Nick Walton, 2:45:20; 5) Bill Torongo and Matt Rimer, 2:46:10; 6) Colin

Hunter and Lee Barnett, 2:47:25; 7) Cameron McClain and Todd VanDeVen, 2:48:44; 8) Jason Hatfield and Mike Bradford, 2:48:48; 9) Mitch McMillan and Josh Taylor, 2:50:24; 10) Dylan Freedman and Steve Watson, 2:50:48.

The top mixed team was Bruce Barton and Connie Cannon, who placed 13th overall with a time of 2:53:04. Deb Bauer and Jeff Kolka, the second place mixed team, finished 15th overall with a time of 2:55:24.

Jay Wichert and Matt Gabriel won the Expert II Class with a time of 3:05:04.

Complete results of the C-2 race are available on the Internet at the AuSable River Canoe Marathon's official Web site: [www.ausablecanoemarathon.org/spikes09.html](http://www.ausablecanoemarathon.org/spikes09.html).

John Lucey, chairman of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee and one of the organizers for the Spike's Challenge, said this year's race went well, but



Russ Reker, who finished third on Sunday with Rick Joy, cruises after crossing the finish line at McMasters Bridge.

low water levels contributed to a few instances of boat damage.

"We heard a lot of positive comments. It was a clean race. Only one team didn't finish," Lucey said.

The team that didn't finish – Matt Rudnitsky and Ryan Halstead, a duo that posted the fourth best sprint time

this year for the Spike's Challenge – had to drop due to boat damage, Lucey said.

"There were a couple of other people that put holes in their boats," Lucey said. "A lot of people tipped over in the river. The water's low – it's been getting lower and lower. More stuff is coming to the surface."



Cameron McClain and Todd VanDeVen paddle past Stephan Bridge on Sunday.




Lee Barnett and Colin Hunter reach Burton's Landing during Sunday's C-2 race.

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# C-2 race winners post top Spike's Challenge sprint time

## 13 of top 15 sprinters place in C-2 race's top 15

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

Saturday's Spike's Challenge sprints for position event featured cold and rainy weather, but 71 paddling teams went through the course at the city park on Saturday, July 18, and the top sprint time was posted by the eventual C-2 race winners - Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie.

Thirteen of the top 15 teams' at sprints also finished in the top 15 during Sunday's Spike's Challenge C-2 race.

Triebold and Lajoie, first place finishers on Sunday, posted a sprint time of 4:41.4 on Saturday. Matt Ashton and Mo Harwood

placed second in the race and second at sprints with a time of 4:50.7. Josh Sheldon and Nick Walton, fourth place finishers on Sunday, posted the third best sprint time of the event (4:52.0).

Other top 15 sprint teams that placed in the top 15 during the C-2 race are as follows (sprint place, names, sprint time, C-2 race finish place): 5th, Mitch McMillan and Josh Taylor, 4:59.3, 9th; 6th, Michael Schlimmer and Ben Schlimmer, 4:59.6, 12th; 7th, Rick Joy and Russ Reker, 5:00.8, 3rd; 8th, Cameron McClain and Todd VanDeVen, 5:01.2, 7th; 9th, Ray Trudgeon and Brad

Bauer, 5:01.8, 11th; 10th, Dylan Freedman and Steve Watson, 5:02.0, 10th; 11th, Jason Hatfield and Mike Bradford, 5:06.4, 8th; 12th, Bill Torongo and Matt Rimer, 5:07.0, 5th; 13th, Spencer Derenzy and Erich Podjaske, 5:07.2, 14th; 15th, Colin Hunter and Lee Barnett, 5:13.9, 6th.

The 14th place team at sprints - Tim Sheldon and Ted Smutek - took 16th during Sunday's race. The fourth place sprint team - Ryan Halstead and Matt Rudnitsky - did not finish the race due to boat damage.

At sprints for position, teams started near the pedestrian bridge in the city park, paddled upstream and

under a railroad bridge, turned around at a buoy, paddled back downstream and under the bridge again, and finished where they started.

"The pond was good. It's becoming a river back there," said John Lucey, chairman of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee and one of the organizers for the Spike's Challenge. "The water's low. I imagine in a couple years it'll be a nice course."

Complete results for sprints are available on the Internet at the AuSable River Canoe Marathon's Web site: [www.ausablecanoemarathon.org/spikes09.html](http://www.ausablecanoemarathon.org/spikes09.html).



Photos by Caleb Casey

Josh Taylor and Mitch McMillan, left, and Erich Podjaske and Spencer Derenzy, right, paddle during their Spike's Challenge sprint on Saturday.

## Paddlers compete in Oscoda's Curley Memorial

Oscoda's annual Curley Memorial Canoe Races - an event similar to Grayling's Spike's Challenge - featured several local paddlers and AuSable River Canoe Marathon paddlers during two days of canoe racing.

Like the Spike's Challenge, the Curley Memorial - held on July 11 and 12 this year - featured both a C-1 and a C-2 race. The Spike's Challenge features the first part of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon's race course, and the Curley Memorial features the end of it - from Cooke Dam to the finish line.

According to the Michigan Canoe Racing Association (MCRA), Andrew Triebold, 33, of Spring Arbor, and Ryan Halstead, 22, of Grayling, won the 2009 Curley Memorial C-2 Expert Division with a final time of 2:28:20.

Other top five teams included: (2) Matt Streib, 45, Bristol, Ind. and Steve Corlew, 28, Brighton, 2:29:00; (3) Ken Kolonich, 63, Eaton Rapids, and Steve Kolonich, 37, Eaton Rapids; (4) Matt Ashton, 30, Grayling, and Mo Harwood, 30, Grayling, 2:32:00; (5) Josh Sheldon, 28, Pottersville, and Nick Walton, 35, Haslett, 2:32:13.

Fifty-three teams finished the C-2 race.

The winners of the Curley

Memorial Division II MCRA State Championship C-2 race - an event that featured nine teams - were Jordan Wakeley, 19, of Grayling, and Ryan Harris, 18, of Grayling, with a time of 2:42:41.

The C-2 races were held on Saturday, July 11.

On Sunday, July 12, 35 teams competed in the Curley Memorial C-1 race. Triebold took first place with a final time of 1:04:41.

Other top five competitors included: (2) Russ Reker, 45, Lapeer, 1:04:51; (3) Rick Joy, 50, Silverwood, 1:04:59; (4) Bruce Barton,

52, Homer, 1:07:22; (5) Tim Chapple, 35, Interlochen, 1:07:23.

Complete results of all three races are available on the Internet at MCRA's Web site: [www.miracing.com/curley2009.html](http://www.miracing.com/curley2009.html).

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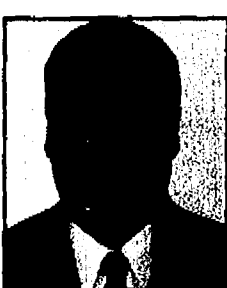


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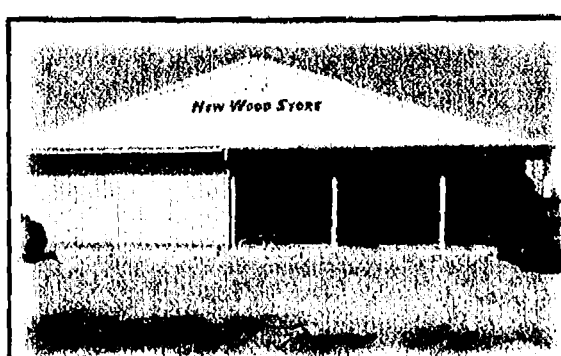


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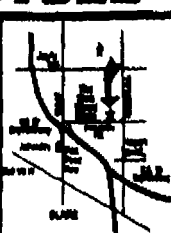
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# Lajoie wins C-1 event

## 47 paddlers race to Burton's Landing on Saturday

Steve Lajoie posted the best overall time - 0:42:33 - during Saturday's Spike's Challenge C-1 event - a race from Borchers AuSable Canoeing to Burton's Landing.

Lajoie, who also won the Spike's Challenge C-2 race (with Andrew Triebold) on Sunday, edged second place finisher Mo Harwood by 18 seconds during Saturday night's C-1 event. Russ Reker took third with a time of 0:43:37. Matt Rudnitsky placed fourth (0:43:50) and Bill Torongo took fifth (0:44:09).

Connie Cannon won the women's division with a time of 0:48:24.

Complete results of the C-1 race, courtesy of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon's official Web site, are as follows:

### Men's Division

1) Steve Lajoie 0:42:33;

2) Mo Harwood 0:42:51; 3) Russ Reker 0:43:37; 4) Matt Rudnitsky 0:43:50; 5) Bill Torongo 0:44:09; 6) Dylan Freedman 0:44:21; 7) Rick Joy 0:44:25; 8) Matt Ashton 0:45:08; 9) Brad Gross 0:45:09; 10) Al Limberg 0:45:14; 11) Tim Sheldon 0:45:29; 12) Josh Sheldon 0:45:31; 13) Josh Taylor 0:45:43; 14) Jason Hatfield 0:45:46; 15) Nick Walton 0:45:53; 16) Michael Schlimmer 0:46:02; 17) Dave Teddy 0:46:08; 18) Ben Schlimmer 0:46:30; 19) Bill Schmitz 0:46:56; 20) Rodney Halstead 0:47:26; 21) John Hollands 0:47:59; 22) Larry Frederick 0:49:02; 23) Martin Spees 0:49:21; 24) Matt Gabriel 0:49:22; 25) Greg Nelson 0:49:45; 26) Bob Bradford 0:49:46; 27) Ralph Scofield 0:50:32; 28) Paul Short 0:51:13; 29) Jay Wichert



Bill Torongo paddles during the start of Saturday's Spike's Challenge C-1 event.

0:51:20; 30) Eric Dittenber 0:51:21; 31) Mike Taylor 0:53:52; 32) Al Widing Sr. 0:54:37; 33) Jack Kolka 0:55:30; 34) Carl Joy 0:55:40; 35) Troy Leslie 0:55:45; 36) Dale Newton 0:55:55; 37) Darin Lile 0:56:05; 38) Lauren Chapple 0:59:36; 39) Malcolm McDougall 0:59:36; 40) Ryan Bennett 1:00:39; 41) Dave Hallman 1:01:49; 42) Bob Lawe 1:06:15.

### Women's Division

1) Connie Cannon 0:48:24; 2) Carrie Montgomery 0:50:18; 3) Jaya Elleson 0:52:17; 4) Kari Wainwright 0:53:02; 5) Rebecca Barton 0:53:40.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Al Widing Sr., left, and Kari Wainwright, right, compete in the C-1 race on Saturday.

## Grayling Country Club News

by Donna Thomson

Wednesday Ladies on the Links  
This past Wednesday,

July 15, started out very cloudy and pretty much stayed that way all day. We were hit with a few sprinkles near the end of our play, just enough to get

everything damp, but that blew over and it was fine.

Nothing dampened these golfers though as, in Flight A, Marilyn Hartman had a low net of 31 and Jeanette

Kitchen and Donna Thomson tied for low putts of 16.

In Flight B, there was a three-way tie for low net of 30 between Juanita Brown, Evie Kent and Kay Ellen King. Evie also had low putts of 15.

In Flight C, Mo McNamara and Debbie Periard had a low net of 34 and Mo also tied with Rhea Gierke for low putts of 15.

Donna Thomson had a birdie on hole #7 and there were two chip-ins. The first by Kay Ellen King on hole #5 and the other by Mo McNamara on hole #1.

We got in and had taco salad, salsa and sour cream or an off the menu order. There was a special treat of a cake brought to celebrate Rhea Gierke's birthday ... very good.

Next, our president, Kay Ellen King, called a short business meeting to order so Mickey Perez, our treasurer could give us an account of the monies earned from our "Rally for a Cure" Day. A very nice amount will be going to the Susan G. Komen foundation because of the generosity of so many. Then there was a short discussion regarding next year's play, but because a lot of the golfers were absent, it was decided to table it until next week. The meeting was then adjourned.

We have all noticed how our greenskeeper, Bob Grimm and his crew are steadily keeping busy and lately have been pruning off the lower dead branches from our beautiful pine trees. Then on hole #16, the water lilies are popping out so nicely and in front of the clubhouse. Mike and Michelle Jankowski did all the plantings with an array of so many different flowers. Looks so pretty as do the window boxes. We certainly have some hard working people involved at our club which is super. Keep up the good work.

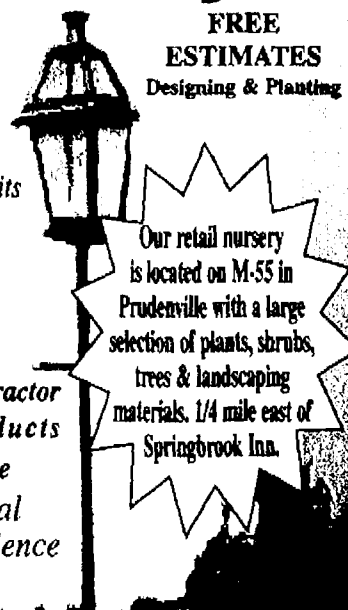
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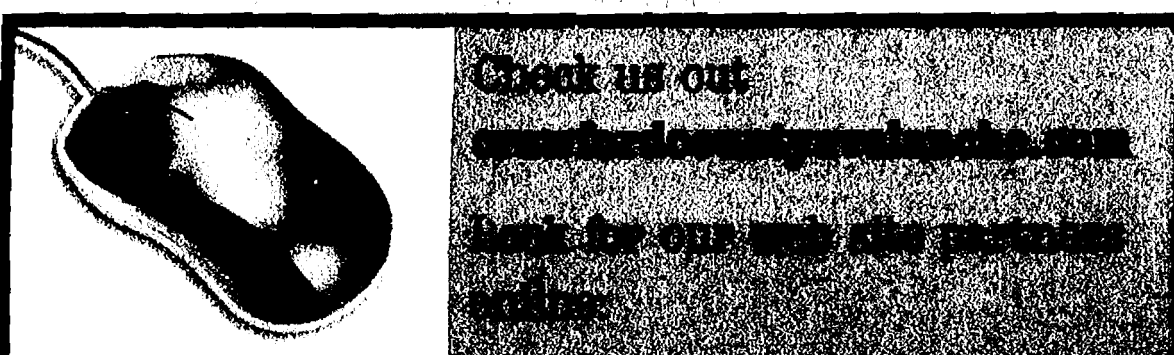
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Borrower Name(s): Donald Welser and Lydia I. Welser  
 Property Address: 243 Woodlawn Blvd. Grayling, MI 49738  
 ATTENTION BORROWER: You have a right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder, or mortgage servicer. Pursuant to M.C.L. section 600.3205a(1)(c) Vericrest Financial, Inc. has designated Likens & Blomquist, PLLC as the designated person under M.C.L. section 600.3205a(1)(c). You may contact a housing counselor to request a meeting by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda>, or by phone at (517) 373-8370. If you request a meeting, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after the date notice was/is mailed to you. If you and the designated agent reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. Please be advised that you can contact an attorney. You may contact the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral Service at 1-800-968-0738.

Dated: Thursday, July 23, 2009  
 Likens & Blomquist, P.L.L.C.  
 By: Spencer C. Farris  
 P70470

## NOTICE

FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION WITH OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO

COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE, AS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PROTECTIONS. To: William J. Evon 6127 Old Lake Road Grayling, MI 49738 State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orlans Associates, P.C. Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: ([www.mshda.info/counseling\\_search/](http://www.mshda.info/counseling_search/)), telephone (517) 373-8370, TTY# 1-800-382-4568. If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate, foreclosure will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738. Dated: July 23, 2009 Orlans Associates P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File Number: 306.2804 ASAP# 3182017 07/23/2009 -23

LAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated May 12, 2004, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on July 8, 2004 in Liber 669 at Page 848, and upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$124,397.00, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at 10 a.m., at the main entrance to the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 6.25 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Part of Block 17 in the Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, Michigan. Commencing at the Westerly corner of lot 3 of said Block 17, which point is the intersection of the Southwesterly line of Lot 3 and Southeasterly line of Michigan Avenue: Thence Southwesterly (parallel with Michigan Avenue) 27.5 feet for the P.O.B.; thence Southeasterly (parallel with Cedar Street) 120.0 feet; thence Southwesterly (parallel with Michigan Avenue) 34.5 feet; thence Northwesterly (parallel with Cedar Street) 120 feet to the Southeasterly line of Michigan Avenue; thence Northeasterly 34.5 feet to the P.O.B.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662) DATED: June 23, 2009 Attorney for Mortgagee 903 N. Jackson Street Bay City, MI 48708 (989) 893-9511 -2-9-16-23

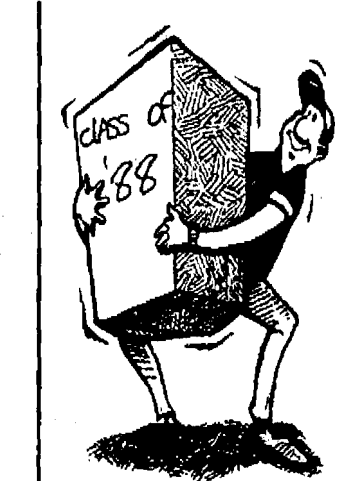
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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by DIANE L. CHAMBERLIN as Mortgagor, to NORTH-

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## PUBLIC ACCURACY NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 4, 2009 Primary Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at each of the following voting precincts located in Crawford County, Grayling, MI:

| Township                                                                    | Precinct #                | Clerk                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Grayling City Hall<br>1020 City Blvd.<br>P.O. Box 549<br>Grayling, MI 49738 | 701                       | Michele Moshier<br>348-2131   |
| Beaver Creek Township<br>8888 S. Grayling Rd.<br>Grayling, MI 49738         | 101                       | Sharon Hartman<br>275-8878    |
| Frederic Township<br>7565 W. County Rd. 612<br>Frederic, MI 49733           | 201                       | Nancy Bindschatel<br>348-8778 |
| Grayling Township<br>2090 Viking Way<br>P.O. Box 521<br>Grayling, MI 49738  | 302,304,305,<br>306 & 307 | Monica Ashton<br>348-4361     |
| Lovells Township<br>8405 Twin Bridge Rd.<br>Grayling, MI 49738              | 401                       | Cheryl Hopp<br>348-9215       |
| Maple Forest Township<br>2520 W. Marker Rd.<br>Frederic, MI 49733           | 501                       | Sandra Baynham<br>348-5794    |
| South Branch Township<br>5245 M-18<br>Roscommon, MI 48653                   | 601                       | Lynn George<br>275-8232       |

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the election ballot counters being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Sandra Moore  
 Crawford County Clerk

## Grayling Charter Township to hold public hearing on township-wide special assessment for trash/recycling

The members of the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees will hold a second public hearing to hear public comment on the payment method of a township-wide special assessment for the purpose of trash disposal and recycling. The special assessment was established by board vote on July 15th, after an earlier public hearing when the majority of the attendees supported it.

The special assessment will eliminate the current trash disposal decal cost of \$60 purchased by the township public at the town hall, with a \$45 charge to all improved township properties as a separate line item on your winter tax bill. The annual decal would come to property owners in the tax bill envelope in late December.

This hearing is to decide how special exceptions will be handled, such as multi-family housing on one property, and commercial use.

A special assessment is not a tax. It is a charge for services established under Michigan state law (Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended).

The board of trustees will meet in the township board room on Tuesday, August 6th, at 10 a.m. to hear comments by the public. The final decision will be made at the regular August board meeting on Wednesday, August 19th. The township offices and boardroom are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. If you can't attend the hearing, please write your comments and mail them to: Terry Wright, Supervisor; Grayling Charter Township, PO Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

Terry Wright  
 Supervisor

## NOTICE

The C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District Board of Education meets on the second Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise noted. Listed below are the dates of these meetings; please note that, unless otherwise posted, all Regular Meetings of this board will begin at 7:00 P.M.

C.O.O.R. GENERAL OFFICES  
 11051 NORTH CUT ROAD, ROSCOMMON, MI

Meetings will be held on the following dates:

August 12, 2009  
 September 9, 2009  
 October 14, 2009  
 November 11, 2009  
 December 9, 2009  
 January 13, 2010  
 February 10, 2010  
 March 10, 2010  
 April 14, 2010  
 May 12, 2010  
 June 9, 2010  
 July 14, 2010

Robert F. Jones, Superintendent  
 C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District

If any person with a disability needs accommodation, please call Robert Jones or Gwen Bush at 989-275-9538 by 3:00 P.M. on date of meeting.

## Public Land Auction

The Arenac, Crawford, Gladwin, Ogemaw & Oscoda County Treasurers will be offering tax reverted real estate at public Auction on August 21, 2009

The Auction will be held at Quality Inn 2980 Cook Road West Branch, MI Registration at 11:00am, Auction at 12:00pm.

Online bidding will be available via [www.tax-sale.info](http://www.tax-sale.info).

Visit our website at [www.tax-sale.info](http://www.tax-sale.info) or call 1-800-259-7470. Sale listings are available at your local County Treasurers Office.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Avalanche "Legal Action" pages for Crawford County are now available on-line at [crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://crawfordcountyavalanche.com)

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## Legal Action

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**ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE -** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jodi A Modos, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 30, 2004, and recorded on July 1, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 702, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Huntington National Bank as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy And 71/100 Dollars (\$99,570.71), including interest at 4.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 19, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 17 and 18, Block 6, Karen Woods Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records, and all that part of the following described parcel located West of Sweden Road and East of Lot 18: The Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, EXCEPTING that portion taken for Karen Woods Subdivision, and EXCEPT parcel of land described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Block 4 of Karen Woods Subdivision: Thence North 89 degrees 56 Minutes East 307 feet to the 1/8 corner on section line of Section 13; thence South on Section line 561.8 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes West 316 feet to a point 165 feet East of the Southeast corner of Block 5 of said Subdivision; thence North 0 degrees 33 minutes West to point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 16, 2009  
For more information, please call:  
FC F 248.593.1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway,  
Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #171185F02

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**ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE -** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Andrew S. Woolsey, single man and Everett Woolsey, a married man, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2006, and recorded on July 11, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 322, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Seventy-One And 07/100 Dollars (\$52,071.07), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or

some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 26, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, Janice Manor, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 23, 2009

For more information, please call:  
FC R (248) 593-1305  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway,  
Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #274576F01

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### SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP July 14, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Unapproved

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Attending: Luck, Kozlowski, George and Musselman.  
Absent: Janisse.  
Pledge of Allegiance.  
Public Comment: None.

**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to accept agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to accept consent agenda, June Regular Meeting Minutes with spelling correction, bills and invoices paid, and projected bills for July, the Treasurer's Report, and Fire/EMT report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

**Motion** by Musselman, and seconded by Luck, for Chief Windolph to attend the Summer Leadership Conference in Traverse City at a cost of \$406.68. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

**Motion** by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to amend the number of commissioners on the Planning Commission from seven to five as recommended by the Planning Commission. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

**Motion** by Kozlowski, and seconded by Janisse, to accept the revised Planning Commission By-Laws with changes as noted. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to approve the payment of invoice from MC Planning and Design in the amount of \$465.20. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by Luck, to approve payment of attorney invoice in the amount of \$598.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

**Motion** by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to move the meeting into closed session. Roll call vote: George: Aye, Kozlowski: Aye, Musselman: Aye, Janisse: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by Luck, to proceed with the fence projects at the refuse sites with Nolan Fence doing the work, at a cost of \$8,020.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to purchase markers for Rock Cemetery from Holland Supply at a cost of \$346.15. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by George, to approve the renewal of the service agreement for the Fire/EMS Dept. with A-Tech in the amount of \$375.00 for the year. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

**Motion** by Musselman, and seconded by Luck, to approve the lot combination on parcels 064-520-000-017-00 & 01. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

**Motion** by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to support Larry Nielsen for Trustee on the board of the MML. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by Janisse, to support Ann Arbor Credit Bureau taking legal action to pursue outstanding payment on our behalf in the amount of \$550.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Passed.

Public comment heard.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

## NOTICE OF ELECTION AND BOND PROPOSITIONS

### TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the County of Crawford, Michigan, on Tuesday, the 4th day of August, 2009 to vote upon the ballot propositions set forth in the following resolution that was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Crawford on May 20, 2009:

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF BOND PROPOSITIONS TO ELECTORS

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Crawford, Michigan (the "County"), held on May 20, 2009.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended (the "Act"), the County is authorized to borrow money for the purpose of acquiring certain public improvements; and

WHEREAS, a notice to issue bonds for the purpose set forth in the bond proposition attached as Exhibit A hereto was published in accordance with Section 517 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, petitions requesting a referendum on the question of issuing such bonds were received in sufficient number to require authorization of the County electorate before the bonds may be issued; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners (the "Board") has determined that it is appropriate to submit a bond proposition to the electors of the County at a special election to be held on August 4, 2009, for the purpose set forth in the bond proposition attached as Exhibit A hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and expedient for the County to make permanent improvements for a County Senior Center and County Commission on Aging facilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 118, Public Acts of Michigan, 1923, as amended ("Act 118"), the County is authorized to borrow money and issue its bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of such improvements, subject to approval by a majority of the electors of the County voting at an election to be called at the direction of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is appropriate to submit a bond proposition in the form attached as Exhibit B hereto to the electors of the County at the August 4, 2009, election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

- The bond propositions set forth on Exhibit A and B shall be submitted to the electors of the County at a special election hereby called by the Board to be held in the County on August 4, 2009, which date is the August regular election date pursuant to section 641 of the Michigan election law.
- The County is hereby authorized to borrow money and issue its bonds pursuant to the provisions of Act 118 in an amount and for the purpose set forth in the bond proposition attached as Exhibit B hereto, subject to approval by a majority of the electors of the County voting at the August 4, 2009 election.
- The County Clerk and the County Sheriff are hereby directed to do all things necessary, including all things required by Act 118 and the election laws of the State of Michigan, to provide for the submission of the bond propositions to the electors of the County at the August 4, 2009, election.
- This resolution shall not become effective or binding upon the County with respect to the bond proposition set forth on Exhibit B until such bond proposition shall be approved by a majority of the electors of the County.
- All resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby rescinded.

#### RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. EXHIBIT A CRAWFORD COUNTY BOND PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the County of Crawford, Michigan, issue limited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,500,000 pursuant to the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of constructing renovations and additions to the Crawford County Building located at 4895 West North Down River Road in the City of Grayling, Michigan, formerly known as the old fish hatchery building, and making related site improvements? The primary purpose of the renovations will be to locate the offices of the Crawford County Commission on Aging at this facility or any other public purpose deemed to be appropriate by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. The maximum number of years that the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is 15 years. The bonds are intended to be paid from general fund moneys of the County, and the full faith and credit of the County will be pledged as security for the bonds. The County will be obligated, as a first budget obligation, to use moneys from its general funds or to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within its corporate boundaries to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due; provided, however, that the ability of the County to raise such moneys is subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations on the taxing power of the County.

If this proposition and Bond Proposition No. 2 presented to the electors of the County at this August 4, 2009 election both pass, the proposition receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall prevail.

#### EXHIBIT B CRAWFORD COUNTY BOND PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the County of Crawford, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor for the purpose of constructing, equipping and furnishing a new facility to house a Senior Center and offices of the Crawford County Commission on Aging and improving the site thereof, to be located on the east side of the East Branch of the AuSable River at the property located at 4895 West North Down River Road in the City of Grayling, Michigan? The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is 20 years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is authorized is .27 mills (which is equal to \$0.27 per \$1,000 of taxable value of real and tangible personal property in the County); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds is .26 mills.

If this proposition and Bond Proposition No. 1 presented to the electors of the County at this August 4, 2009 election both pass, the proposition receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall prevail.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the polls for said election will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and that the voting places are as follows:

| POLLING PLACE                                                                               | PRECINCTS           | CLERK              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Beaver Creek Twp.<br>8888 S. Grayling Rd.<br>989-275-8878<br>Grayling, MI 49738             | 101                 | Sharon Hartman     |
| Frederic Twp.<br>7565 W. County Rd. 612<br>989-348-8778<br>Frederic, MI 49733               | 201                 | Nancy Bindschattel |
| Grayling Twp.<br>2090 Viking Way<br>989-348-4361<br>P.O. Box 521<br>Grayling, MI 49738      | 302-304-305-306-307 | Monica Ashton      |
| Lovells Twp.<br>8405 Twin Bridge Rd.<br>989-348-9215<br>Grayling, MI 49738                  | 401                 | Cynthia Infante'   |
| Maple Forest Twp.<br>8996 N. Sherman Rd.<br>989-348-5794<br>Grayling, MI 49738              | 501                 | Sandra Baynham     |
| South Branch Twp<br>5245 M-18<br>989-275-8232<br>P.O. Box 606<br>Roscommon, MI 48653        | 601                 | Lynn George        |
| Grayling City Hall<br>1020 City Blvd.<br>989-348-2131<br>P.O. Box 549<br>Grayling, MI 49738 | 701                 | Michele Moshier    |

Sandra Moore, County Clerk,  
County of Crawford



# Features

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## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago July 24, 1986

A search party of more than 60 people, the county K-9 team and a coast guard helicopter located a seven year old boy missing for about five hours, south of Frederic. The boy was reported missing by his mother at 2:25 p.m. from their family campsite just south of Frederic. The Grayling City Police, the Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies, the reserves and K-9 team, the DNR officers, the ASERT team, a Michigan State Police Trooper, a Coast Guard helicopter crew and volunteer civilians searched the area between the Frederic Cemetery and Batterson Road for the boy. The boy was found at 7:17 p.m. northeast of the main search area.

The 1986 All Star team is composed of the following players: Eric Bonamie, Mark Brannan, Eric Breitfield, Tom Cox, Tony DiPonio, Greg Dorman, Matt Gingerich, Scott Haas, Chris Lehti, Scott Nicholas, Aaron Raymond, Jon Renaud, Jamie SanCartier and David Teddy. The coaches are Howard Lehti and Mark Hartman.

Kristin Casler, of Grayling, was inducted into the Michigan State University chapter of Kappa Tau Alpha national journalism honor society. She was also awarded a Scripps Howard Scholarship, offered by the Scripps

Howard Foundation on the basis of academic promise, potential for journalism career and financial need.

The Men's Handicap Tournament was held during the month of June at the country club with 46 members participating. In the championship flight, Jinx Parkinson was the victor with Tom Hall as runner-up. In Flight A, Charlie Guenther was first and Jim Shively was runner-up and in Flight B, Colonel Klingensmith won and Bill Scheer was runner-up.

### 46 Years Ago July 25, 1963

According to an article written by Curtis Haseltine, Detroit Free Press marine writer, the City of Grayling is to have a nuclear-powered attack submarine named after her. In the Monday morning article, Haseltine revealed that contracts have been awarded to build two nuclear-powered submarines. Both will carry names familiar to the Great Lakes area. The SSN-646 will be named "Grayling" and the SSN-637 will be named "Sturgeon" for Sturgeon Bay, Wisc.

A final clean-up has been made at the point of the intersection on Old Lake Road and M-72 West of Grayling in the Pine Point Plat subdivision.

In Frederic News, on July 17, promptly after 6 p.m. the fire department burned three old eye sores, just across the railroad tracks. The town-

ship, the fire department and the Sportsman's Club bought the property to make a park there. During the Homecoming later this week, the carnival will be held there. The houses were built before 1898. It's really made our town look different and we are very proud of our town.

Mike's Sunoco station has added more flowers to the curb planting which was frozen out a while ago.

The Grayling Independents will play Kalkaska on July 28, at a new diamond being completed at the Grayling Winter Sports Park.

### 69 Years Ago July 25, 1940

Mrs. Richard Snyder and Mrs. Henry Wilcox were co-hostesses at the summer home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson at Lake Margrethe at a luncheon bridge for Miss Jayne Keyport. The 12 ladies spent the afternoon playing bridge. Miss Georgiana Olson having the highest score. Miss Keyport was favored with the honor guest gift.

Willard Harwood and children Jacquelyn and Pat attended the Ringling Bros. circus in Detroit over the weekend.

Miss Lillian Jordan, who has been a faithful employee of the Avalanche for the past 11 years, has resigned to remain at home and keep house for her father, Henry Jordan. Her place is being filled by Ivan Rice of

Meredosia, Ill.

Mrs. Benjamin Jerome assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Donald Ballman and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Benjamin Jerome, Jr., opened her summer home at Lake Margrethe for a delightful tea and linen shower for Miss Jayne Keyport. On arrival the ladies were given cocktail napkins and needle and thread with which they were to design a fancy corner.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wylie have moved from the Sam Rasmussen apartments to the Jack Callahan house on the south side.

Mrs. Alberta Knibbs is the new bookkeeper at Burke's Garage.

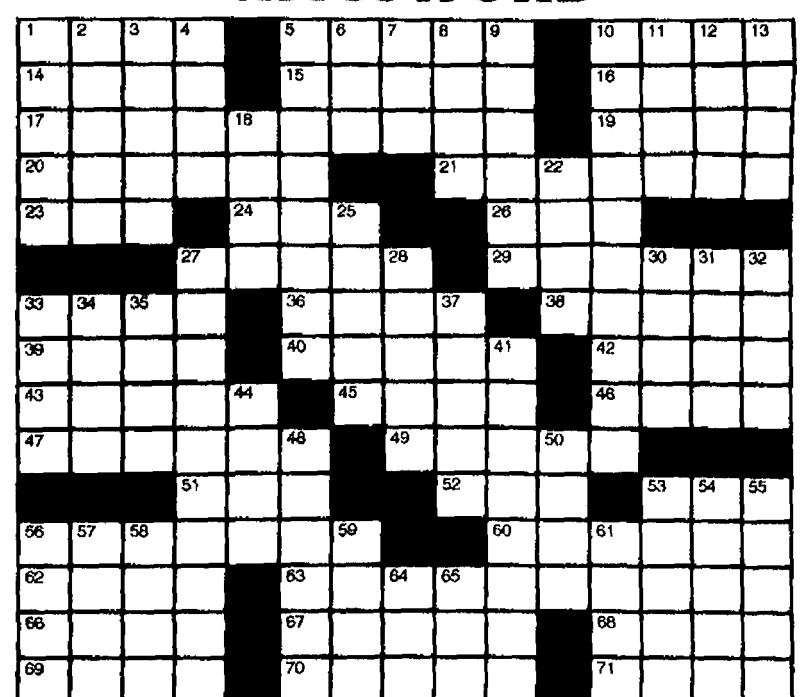
### 92 Years Ago July 26, 1917

When Secretary of War Baker drew from among the list of registry number 258, this number was at once flashed all over the United States and there was but one county that was not affected. In Crawford County, it was found that Roy Milnes, proprietor of the Burton Hotel, was the honored one to hold the number 258.

Uncle Joe Wood and B.J. Callahan are improving the appearance of their homes in Frederic by applying paint.

Applications for admissions to the Officer's Reserve corps closed Monday, July 16. Those from Grayling, who enlisted are Chris King, Glen Smith, Louie Joseph, L.C. Bungeard and Carl Johnson and Charles Underhill, Jr., of Lovells.

## CROSSWORD



### Across

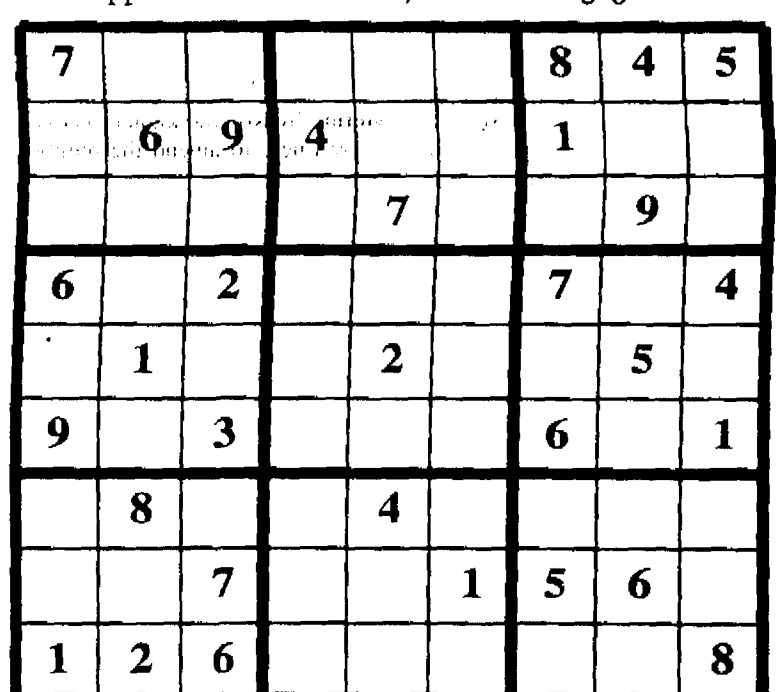
1. Green gem
5. "Gladiator" setting
10. "Guilty," e.g.
14. Arab chieftain
15. Serving as or forming a base
16. Be itinerant
17. Clean and honest
19. Creole vegetable
20. Conformity with some aesthetic standard of correctness or propriety
21. Affecting extreme elegance in dress and manner
23. Syllable naming the fifth note of any musical scale
24. "Nice!"
26. Complete
27. Church assembly
29. Exile
33. Caesar's farewell
36. Baby holder
38. Chinese zodiac animal
39. "Beowulf," e.g.
40. Barely beats
42. Auditory
43. Audition tapes
45. 100 cents
46. United States Postal Service
47. Bowls
49. Power pylon
51. Arid
52. Moldovan monetary unit
53. "Bingo!"
56. Rotary engine
60. Utter shrill sounds
62. Ingredient in skin lotion
63. Ball about the size of a fist used in playing tennis
66. Aims
67. Assumed name
68. "Cast Away" setting
69. Bringing up the rear
70. Plant tissue

### Down

1. Denims
2. Prenatal test, for short
3. Abandon
4. Ashtabula's lake
5. Suspension
6. 50 Cent piece
7. "C" la vie!
8. Babe in the woods
9. Bay
10. Noun that denotes a particular thing; usually capitalized
11. Norse god of discord and mischief
12. All \_\_\_\_
13. Asian nurse
18. "Don't go!"
22. Gluttons
25. Crush
27. Next to the best
28. Ferret out
30. Beany sign
31. Bypass
32. Jiffs
33. Sacred Hindu writings
34. Little, e.g.
35. Citrus fruit
37. Shade of green
41. Socially awkward or tactless act
44. Draped dress
48. The way we word
50. "One of \_\_\_\_" (Willa Cather novel)
53. Flooded
54. "You there?"
55. Freud contemporary
56. Old Chinese money
57. Arm bone
58. Engine parts
59. Evasive
61. Final notice
64. Bubkes
65. Dundee denial

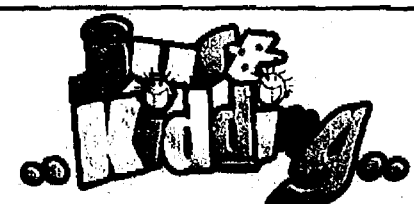
## SUDOKU

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(PUZZLE #6 Hard, Difficulty Rating 0.67)

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



## HOROSCOPES

For the week of July 23, 2009

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22-January 19

You're a power to be reckoned with this week, Capricorn. You impress at every turn and reap many rewards. A friend invites you on an adventure. Go!

**ARIES**  
March 21-April 19

The time has come for you to get out of your comfort zone. Go, go, go. A lapse in concentration at work results in a minor glitch. Don't worry. You will fix it before anyone notices.

**CANCER**  
June 22-July 22

Your financial state could use a little improvement. Steer clear of risk-takers, Cancer, and you will find the wisdom you are seeking. A harebrained idea gets a young friend into trouble.

**LIBRA**  
September 23-October 22

Tired of hearing your goals are unreasonable, Libra? Good. Maybe now you'll stop listening to your critics and find the courage to move forward. You don't know how close you are.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20-February 18

Ease up at home, Aquarius, and you will live to regret it, maybe not right away but eventually. Financial backing for an idea comes from an unexpected source.

**TAURUS**  
April 20-May 20

You'll be beating them off with a stick this week, Taurus. Everyone it seems will want a piece of you. A tickle of the jowls gets the creative juices flowing.

**LEO**  
July 23-August 22

You're swamped with work this week, Leo. Push forward, pay attention to the details and you will go places you never thought possible.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23-November 21

Focus too much on money, Scorpio, and greed could get the best of you. It's the small things in life that count. A date with that special someone gets the weekend off to a good start.

**PISCES**  
February 19-March 20

Been working for something for a very long time, Pisces? It is within reach as long as you believe in yourself. A frank conversation with a neighbor turns ugly. Stand your ground.

**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 21

Your love life could use some spicing up. Play hard to get, Gemini, and see what happens. A home repair list grows smaller, thanks to the help of a true friend.

**VIRGO**  
August 23-September 22

The moment to reach for the skies is here. Seize every opportunity that comes your way, Virgo. A matter at home demands thinking outside of the box.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22-December 21

You're revealing just a bit too much these days, Sagittarius, and someone is about to take advantage of that fact. Shush! A minefield develops at home. Walk carefully.

## ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our web site for more information.

**Bekka**

Bekka is a pretty little pointer mix that only weighs about 30 pounds and has a sweet disposition. Bekka gets along well with other dogs and just loves to play. She has been spayed, vaccinated and microchipped and is waiting for just the right home.

Visit us at: [www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org](http://www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org)

**Ausable Valley Animal Shelter**  
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds  
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,  
10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117  
For more pets or more information, visit our web site [www.ascspetfinder.com](http://www.ascspetfinder.com)

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### COOL & EASY STRAWBERRY PIE

**Ingredients:**

2 cups fresh strawberries, divided

2/3 cup boiling water

1 pkg. (3 oz.) strawberry flavored gelatin

ice cubes

1/2 cup cold water

1 tub (8 oz.) whipped topping, thawed

1 ready-to-use reduced-fat graham cracker crumb crust (6 oz.)

**Directions:** Slice 1 cup strawberries; refrigerate for later use. Chop remaining berries; set aside. Add boiling water to gelatin mix; stir 2 min. until completely dissolved. Add enough ice to cold water to make 1 cup. Add to gelatin; stir until slightly thickened. Remove any unmelted ice. Whisk in whipped topping. Stir in chopped berries. Refrigerate 20 to 30 min. or until mixture is very thick and will mound. Spoon into crust. Refrigerate 6 hours or until firm. Top with sliced berries.

## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

PHOTO BY JIM ZIMMAY

## MAZIE

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

**Last Week**

| Date | H  | L  | Precip |
|------|----|----|--------|
| 7/14 | 82 | 40 |        |
| 7/15 | 81 | 40 |        |
| 7/16 | 77 | 56 |        |
| 7/17 | 75 | 51 |        |
| 7/18 | 61 | 52 | .16    |
| 7/19 | 59 | 48 | .04    |
| 7/20 | 74 | 47 |        |

**Extended Forecast**  
(Courtesy of The Weather.com)

| Thursday           | Friday             | Saturday          | Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday      |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|--------------|
|                    |                    |                   |         |         |              |
| High 76            | High 80            | High 78           | High 73 | High 78 | High 72      |
| Low 56             | Low 58             | Low 55            | Low 53  | Low 53  | Low 53       |
| Scattered T-Storms | Scattered T-Storms | Isolated T-Storms | Showers | Showers | Mostly Sunny |



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 internet listings: [www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com)  
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## 1 Real Estate

**LEASE MY RIVER-FRONT HOME** on the East Branch of the AuSable River. Take a look at this 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located in a peaceful setting surrounded by woods and wildlife, located one mile from Grayling. Call 989-348-2083 for an appointment. (7/23/09tf/1)

**CUSTOM BUILT RANCH HOME** situated on 2.5 acres. Knotty pine interior accents, updated oak kitchen, custom crown molding, high efficiency furnace, a/c, large multilevel deck and so much more. Come see this turnkey home today. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. \$97,500. #262755. (-23/1)

**HOUSE AND 10 ACRES** selling by owner \$110,000. Three bedroom, 2 car garage 30x52 pole barn. Landscape garden pond, snowmobile trail with in 500 ft. Fox Run golf course at end of road, road is county maintained. 6663 Beaver Road 989-390-4767. (-23-30/1)

**THIS 4 BEDROOM,** 2 bath home is on a large lot with nice trees. Two car garage, large deck and shed. Kitchen counter tops and some carpet only two years old. Lots of state land close by. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 989-348-6481. \$65,900. #262474 (-23/1)

## 2. For Rent

**WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS**  
 Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020.  
 Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777.

## Grayling Pines Apartments

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777.

## 1. Real Estate

## 1 Real Estate

**2-3 BEDROOM** home for sale. Price reduced in July. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

## 2. For Rent

**2 BEDROOM** 2 bath home in Grayling, now available. Full basement, attached garage and fenced yard. \$800 plus deposit. Call 605-786-3642. References required and pets OK with deposit. (-16-23-30/2)

**VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS** are now taking applications for immediate availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09tf/2)

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT** Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (1/15/09tf/2)

**SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE** at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

Offered in Grayling by  
 Gardner Management  
 Recently Renovated!

## Cobble Creek II Apartments

Each unit has:  
 \*Air conditioning  
 \*New appliances  
 \*New carpet  
 \*New tile  
 \*Privacy balcony or patio  
 And much more!

Rent based on income!  
 1 and 2 Bedroom  
 Apartments Available!  
 \*Barrier-Free Units  
 \*Laundry Facilities

Now Accepting Applications!

989-362-4971  
 TDD 1-800-760-1997

Income restrictions apply

## 1. Real Estate

## 2 For Rent

**MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT** 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

**NICE CLEAN ONE BEDROOM duplex.** Lawn care, snowplowing, storage, water/sewer included. \$410. 808A Park Street. 348-2178. (7/16/09tf/2)

**BIG HOUSE AND CABINS** at Lost Acres 4 bedroom log home \$575, plus utilities. Cabins from \$375, w/ FREE utilities. 11010 N. Old 27, No pets. 1-877-227-6976 or call Mike at 231-590-3699. More details at [www.qualityhomerentals.net](http://www.qualityhomerentals.net) (Northern Michigan Units). (7/23/09tf/2)

**NICE TWO BEDROOM HOME,** washer/dryer on 5 acres. 5 miles out of town. \$500 /month plus deposit. Call 989 348-5428. (7/16/09tf/2)

**FOR RENT** 1, 2 & 3 bedroom rentals. Call 348-2466. (7/23/09tf/2)

**5 BEDROOM HOUSE** for rent. 30'x30' attached garage, good neighborhood. House new in 2007. Utilities not included. Possible rent to own or land contract. Grayling area, 1023 Robinhood Lane. \$995 month, first and last and damage deposit. 231-624-0107. (-16-23/2)

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD

JADE ARENA PLEA  
 EMIR BASAL ROAM  
 ANTI SEPTIC OKRA  
 NICETY FOPPIH  
 SOH AAH VIE  
 SYNOD EGRESS  
 VALE CRIB SNAKE  
 EPIC EDGES OTIC  
 DEMOS EURO USPS  
 ARENAS PYLON  
 DRY LEU AHA  
 TURBINE CROWED  
 ALOE TENNISBALL  
 ENDS ALIAS ISLE  
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### SUDOKU

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## VACANCY NOTICE

COOR ISD Career and Technical Education Department has potential vacancies in the following part-time teaching positions:

- Education Occupations

Qualifications:

- Bachelor Degree, Secondary Teaching Certificate with Vocational Endorsement

Or

- 4000 hours in related field within the last five years and an Associate Degree or Equivalent.

Applicants must send a letter of intent and resume by August 7, 2009 to:

Daniel Beltz, CTC Principal  
 COOR ISD  
 PO Box 827  
 Roscommon, MI 48653

COOR ISD does not discriminate in any activity, program or employment on the basis of race, color, disability, national origin, gender, religion, age, height, weight, political belief, or marital status.

## 1. Real Estate

## 2 For Rent

**2 BEDROOM MOBILE** with washer, dryer, and appliances. No pets. \$450 plus deposit. 348-2418. (-9-16-23-30/2)

**3 BEDROOM** 1 bath, located between Grayling and Frederic, 5256 Old 27. Available \$695 per month. Call 348-4252. (-16-23-30/2)

**FOR RENT** 3 bedroom, 2 bath on three acres, \$650 plus deposit. 810-225-0395. (-16-23/2)

**LEASE WITH OPTION** to buy 4-5 bedroom home on 5 acres, 2 1/2 car garage, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, microwave included. Rent \$600 plus security deposit plus utilities. No cats or small dogs. Call 517-768-9894. (-2-9-16-23/2)

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME,** Located off McIntyre's Landing Road. Near public access to lake. \$475 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-23/2)

**ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX** apartment Located at 405 Division Street, Roscommon. \$400 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-23/2)

**FOR RENT EFFICIENCY APARTMENT** in Frederic, includes all utilities heat, cable TV, garbage & snow removal. No pets, \$375 per month, \$200 security deposit. 348-2137. (-16-23/2)

## 3. Employment

**Kirtland**  
 Community College  
 10775 N. St. Helen Road  
 Roscommon, MI 48653

**ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR:**  
 Kirtland Community College in Roscommon, Michigan is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time English instructor to fill a one year contract teaching English composition courses. For complete details regarding the position and minimum qualifications, visit our web site at [www.kirtland.edu/hr/jobs/english2009.htm](http://www.kirtland.edu/hr/jobs/english2009.htm). Application deadline Friday, July 31, 2009. Equal opportunity employer.

## 2 For Rent

**HOUSE FOR RENT** Small two bedroom home in Gerrish Township, 12 miles south of Grayling. No pets. \$475 per month plus \$475 deposit. 989-370-0519. (-23/2)

**2 BEDROOM 1 BATH** home in paved subdivision 3 miles from Higgins Lake State Park. 2 car garage. All appliances. Pets negotiable. No smoking. References, will check credit. \$650 mo/\$650 deposit. Rent/buy options. 989-821-3139. (-16-23-30-6-13-20-27-3/2)

**AVAILABLE AUG. 3** Large 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, full basement, attached garage, A/C, NG forced air heat. \$650 month plus utilities. First month, \$600 security deposit and references. No pets, no smoking. 80 N. Roberts Rd. Call after 5pm 989-329-3618. (-16-23/2)

## 3. Employment

**SECRETARY - FULL TIME POSITION** available. Includes typing, filing, telephone, word processing, cashier, accounts receivable. Requires computer skills including word processing, spreadsheet and database. Excellent hours and fringe benefits, plus 401K etc. Please call Lynne Elsner at Scheer Motors for interview information 989-348-5451. (-7/16/09tf/3)

**NOW HIRING** full time customer service representatives starting pay \$1,600/month, plus bonuses and vacation packages. Corporate training provided. All applicants must be neat in appearance and able to start immediately. Call for interview appointment 989-732-2175. (-23/3)

**HOMETOWN HEATING & COOLING** is looking for a service technician for heating and cooling services with 2 years experience. Call 348-4252. (-16-23-30/3)

**HIGH PAYING CAREERS** for women/men in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. Call toll free for information 1-888-602-5966, [www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com](http://www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com). (-11-18-25-2-9-16-23-30/3)

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/BOOKKEEPER

The Crawford County Commission on Aging is accepting applications for a full-time Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper who performs bookkeeping functions and administrative support. Preferred candidate will have a Bachelor's degree in business administration, accounting or related field and two years experience. Excellent computer skills required. Application packets must be picked up at 308 Lawndale, Grayling and returned by 5:00pm 7/29/09.

Our dental practice is seeking an outstanding individual to provide caring service for our patients. Dental experience a plus, but not mandatory. Should you be organized, self-motivated, and have high energy, you could be that person. Must be detail-oriented, organized, have some college education and possess a sunny, energetic attitude. Great pay and benefits. Call 821-9458 for more details.

## 3 Employment

**NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION** Posting Date: July 17, 2009. Position: High School Fall Play Director. Description: Play Director will oversee all phases of the production. Additional information is available at 1135 North Old 27. Apply to: Joseph P. Powers, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable Schools, 1135 North Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738. deadline: July 31, 2009 - 12:00 noon. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-23-30/3)

**WANTED SNOW PLOWING** for 2009-10. Large contract. Multiple homes, several miles, multiple homes, several miles total. Reliability is key. Call 348-6662. (-23/3)

**GAYLORD FORD LINCOLN MERCURY** is looking for diesel/medium truck technician. To apply please call Patti Schneider at 989 732-6737. (-23-30/3)

**SEEKING EXPERIENCED CONSTRUCTION LABOR** worker. Send resumes to P.O. Box 684, Grayling, MI 49738. (-23/3)

## 4. Services Offered

**HALL FOR RENT** with kitchen facility. Also taking reservations for summer outdoor pavilion. Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-275-8878. (LR-8/20/09/4)

**RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT** all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

**D. HAWES / Driver's Training:** Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

## 3. Employment

## Charter Excavating



989-390-1724

Grayling, Michigan

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#### 4 Services Offered

**LIFE PROBLEMS** getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09/tf/4)

**CHILD'S PLAY DAY CARE** has openings for children ages 0-12. Licensed, insured, trained. Come join the fun. 348-4249. (-23/4)

**SEWING, ZIPPERS, QUILTER** Open 6 days a week. (989)348-9349. (-9-23/4)

**ROOFING, ROOFING, ROOFING** All shingle, new construction, tear-offs, residential, commercial, emergency work welcome. Licensed and insured. 20 years experience. Free estimates. 989-348-5817, 989-390-1526. (LR7/30/09/4)

**MILLTOWN FENCE** All types, repair, free estimates. Call 989-348-9188. (LR07/30/09/4)

**APPLIANCE PARTS** All major brands. Most parts in stock. Appliance Parts 6840 M-72 West, Grayling, across from the Ole Barn. 989-348-5971. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. (-2-9-16-23-30/4)

**SLOAN AUCTIONS** over 50 combined years of auction experience. Ethical, professional. We do all types of auctions. many options, call and we'll talk it over. John Sloan 989-275-8703, Stan Sloan 231-525-8626. (-2-9-16-23/4)

**BIG TRUCK TOOLS**, seeking work. Mowing, raking, paint and stain, hauling to landfill, chain saw work. 30 years experience. Jerry 989-348-7046. (-23/4)

**HORSE BOARDING** Need a home for your horses? Call 989-390-4296. (-2-9-16-23-30/4)

**HAVE SAW WILL TRAVEL** quality tree removal, stump grinding pruning 989-348-4171. (LR9/17/09/4)

**XPRESS COPY CENTER** copies, printing, signs, banners, decals, stickers, T-shirts, everything graphic. Full service business center 989-348-7872. (7/9/09/tf/4)

#### 4 Services Offered

**RN SEEKS PART TIME** position 989-348-2435. (-16-23/4)

#### 5 For Sale

**2005 BOSS V blade poly.** Fits classic and new body style Chevy or GMC. \$3,500 OBO. 231-624-0107. (-07/16/09/tf/2)

**NEW APPLIANCES** not in your budget? Call Paul for service and good used appliances, 348-0167. (-23/5)

**MARTY'S FIREWOOD** Dry oak \$50 per cord. Credit cards accepted. Also wanted, standing timber. 989-390-3930. (-2-9-16-23-30/5)

**HEAT YOUR ENTIRE HOME** domestic hot water and more with the Classic outdoor wood furnace from Central Boiler. 25 year warranty available. Call 348-7484 today. (-2-9-16-23-30-6-13-20-27/5)

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE** Dry oak, cut, split and stacked. \$50 per face cord. Call 344-6871. (-16-23/5)

**OAK FIREWOOD** barkless dry, split 16"-18" \$50 cord Grayling area, other area \$65. 989-348-7046. (-23/5)

**FOR SALE J & B firewood** \$50 a cord, cut, split and delivered. 3 cord minimum. Call 989-348-8280 or 989-348-7795. (-16-23-30/5)

**C1 ADVANTAGE RACING** canoe, never used, fiberglass \$1,300. Also touring canoes and kayak paddles. 989-892-3177 or 989-275-8854. (-23/5)

**2003 YAMAHA TTR90.** Electric start, runs good, one owner, well taken care of, \$700. Call 989-390-0216 or 989-745-6005. (16-23/5)

**110' SPLIT RAIL FENCE** Good condition \$80. 989-390-5998. (-16-23-30/5)

**2005 YAMAHA V-Star 650.** Black metallic, 3700 miles, like new, windshield, running lights, saddlebags, cruise control, backrest. \$5000 must see. 989-821-3139. (-23-30-6-13/5)

#### 5 For Sale

**OVER 1,000 SCRUBS** Pants, tops, warm-up jackets \$10 a piece, blood pressure cuff for \$20. Fri, July 31, 9-5 and Sunday, Aug. 2, 1-5. 2622 N. Manistee River Rd. call 517-518-9764, leave message if questions, will call back. Directions - east on 72 (7.5 miles) from town, north on Manistee River Rd, 2.6 miles, house on right. (-16-23-30/5)

**4 MICHELIN TIRES** P55/65 R17, \$150. 348-9070. (-23/5)

**FOR SALE NEW, UNUSED** still in box room air conditioner for double hung window, \$35. Also, new inbox 1.6 cu. ft. Kenmore microwave hood combination, white \$125. (-23/5)

**GLASS TOP DINING TABLE** 48" round with 4 matching chairs. Pier 1. Smoke free home. 989-390-4819. (-23/5)

**4000 LB. ALUMINUM BOAT** hoist. \$800. Call 989 348-5709. (-23-30/5)

**TV & STEREO CABINET** \$50, Computer desk and chair \$125, 10' miter saw \$90. 989 348-6393. (-23/5)

**FOR SALE YAMAHA PW-50** 2000, excellent condition, second owner, kids out grew. \$550 OBO. 348-3514. (-23/5)

**2002 JOHN DEERE 5205** Diesel, price \$4300, Mower, Loader, 4WD, pictures and details at rob44r@gmail.com, (810) 222-5430. (-23-30-6/5)

#### 6 Wanted

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**GHS CLASS OF '79** celebrating 30th class reunion Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Grayling Country Club. Golf scramble at 10 a.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Icebreaker at Spike's Friday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. RSVP to Sue (Ross) Rios at 916-865-6463/srios@aol.com. (-16-23-30-6/8)

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**ESTATE AUCTION** July 24, 10 am. Otsego County Fairgrounds, Gaylord. View online or call Let's Talk Auction 989-848-5158, [www.LetsTalkAuction.com](http://www.LetsTalkAuction.com). (-23/8)

**\$9.95 A DOZEN** wrapped carnations at Flowers By Josie for the month of July. You can treat a friend or two at this price. Cash and carry. (-2-9-16-23-30/8)

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**GARAGE SALE** Thurs & Fri, July 23 & 24, 9 - 4. Table with 4 chairs, 4 & 2 drawer files, recliner, 65 gal. aquarium with all accessories, 52" TV, Singer sewing machine, craft paints, supplies, ceramic bisque, floor tile, lots more. 205 Dale St. (-23/10)

**GARAGE SALE** Friday, Saturday & Sunday 9 am to 6 pm. Just past Stephan Bridge Road on M-72E. Follow the big white signs. Old and newer hand tools, 4 X 4 6 bolt chevy rims, table saw, LGB train tracks, butterfly gold corolle and golden wheat dish sets, dressers, salt and pepper shakers, record albums, \$2 DVD's and .50 VHS tapes, collector postage stamps, nick nacks, jewelry, kitchenware, old bottles, dolls, and many other items. (-16/10)

#### 8. Announcements

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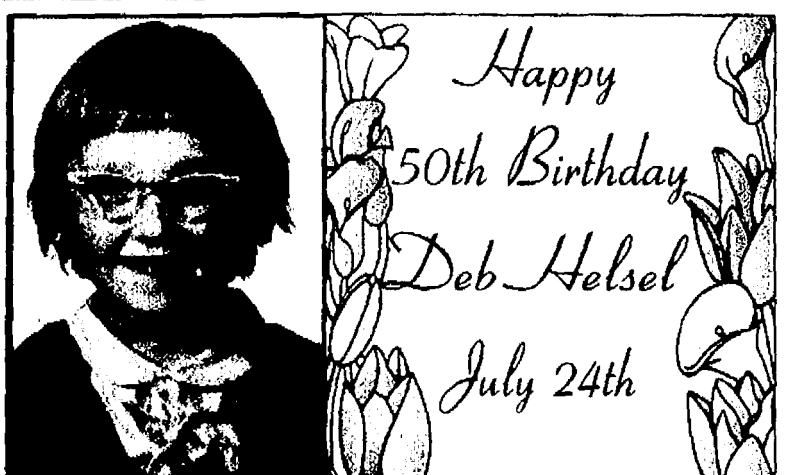
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**MOVING SALE** no early sales, cash only starting July 10 & 11, 9 am - 4pm, Saturdays only July 18 & 25. 3687 Twin Pine Road off Wakeley. (-9-16-23/10)

**GARAGE SALE** July 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26. 10 am - 4 pm. W. 72 to McIntyre Landing to Regimental Way. (-16-23/10)

**MOVING SALE** Everything must go. W. M-72 to Eagle Pt., to Beach Terrace. (-23/10)

**YARD SALE** July 24 & 25, 9 till 4. 8233 N. Roberts Rd., Frederic. Men stuff, household goods. (-23/10)

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**LET'S TRY AGAIN SALE** 2112 Irene Ave. Fri. 7-24, 11 - 6. New camp stove, trout and salmon baits, fishfinder, aluminum tool box for small truck, decoys, bows. (-23/10)

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## 10. Garage Sales

**MOVING IN SALE** 505 DATE. Fri., 24, 9 to 4, Sat. 25, 8 to 12, Sun. 26, 9 to 4. Something for everyone. (-23/10)

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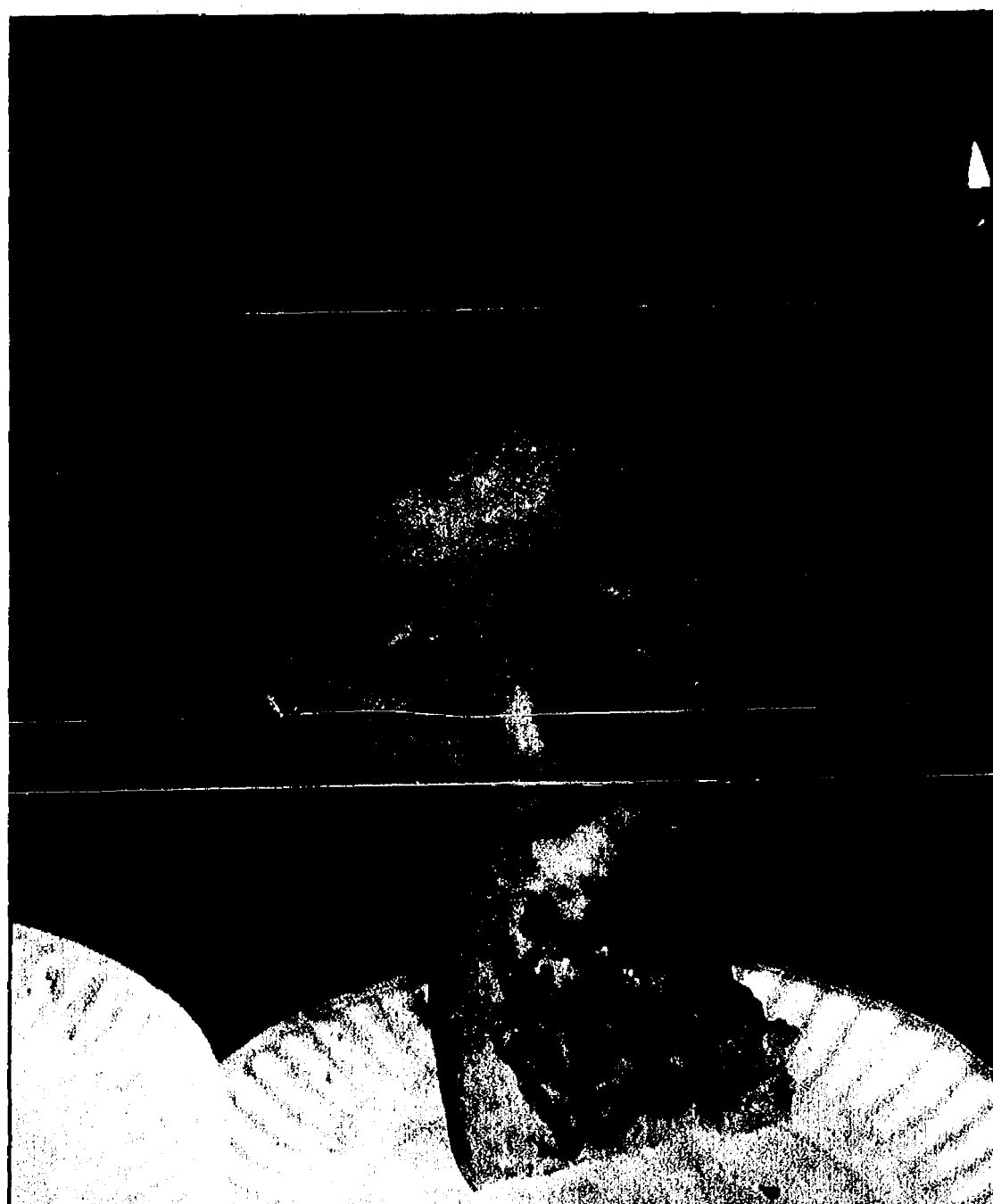


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Dozens of Grayling youngsters came down for the annual Kids Day at the AuSable River City Park for the kick off of the AuSable River Festival. Above, Makenna VanAmburg, age 10, takes part in the pizza eating contest, where the participants had to eat a slice of pizza as fast as they could without using their hands.

## Military News

Army Spec. David re-enlisted in the U.S. Army four years of military service. Frances Gallagher III has for four more years after.

He is the son of David F. Gallagher Jr. of Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., and Lynette M. Gallagher of Enterprise St., Brunswick, Ga.

His wife, Diana, is the daughter of David M. Corcoran of Grayling.

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CANOE MARATHON

## RECORD FIELD MAY BE DEEPEST IN MARATHON HISTORY

### *Triebold/LaJoie favored to repeat as champs...*

If Andy Triebold and Steve LaJoie want to repeat as Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon champions, they are going to have to fend off one of the deepest and toughest fields in marathon history. The duo appears up to the task, as they have not been beat since reuniting at the beginning of the 2008 racing season. During that time, they have won the 2008 Marathon, the 2008 La Classique de Canots in Quebec, and the 2008 & 2009 General Clinton Regatta in New York.

Several teams could find themselves in the Top 5 of the race but the team favored to be leading the pack chasing Triebold and LaJoie down the river should be the 2007 second place team of Steve Corlew and Matt Streib. The pair finished just 33 seconds behind Triebold and Matt Rimer in that race. Streib partnered with Steve Kolonich to finish second in the 2008 marathon as well. Kolonich is reunited with his father Ken to form a team that can never be counted out as the pair have several Top 5 marathon finishes together. Another team that could challenge for a top spot is the New York duo of Marc Gillespie and Matt Rudnitsky. Rudnitsky finished 5<sup>th</sup> with Ray Trudgeon in his first Marathon attempt in 2008. This will be Gillespie's first AuSable Marathon. However, the



**2008 Champions Andy Triebold & Steve LaJoie**

pair have quite a record in other Triple Crown events as they finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2007 and 2008 La Classique de Canots and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2008 General Clinton Regatta. Rudnitsky also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2009 General Clinton while Gillespie won the mixed division of the same race. Other teams that could challenge for top positions are marathon veterans Rick Joy and Russ Reker, Tony Short and

Brad Gross, and the team of Brad Bauer and Ray Trudgeon, all of whom finished in the Top 10 of last year's race. Also look for Nick Walton and Josh Sheldon to have a strong showing as the pair have been near or at the top of many MCRA races this season and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the General Clinton Regatta.

With 14 teams competing, the mixed division could provide a very exciting race within the race. Look for the brother and sister duo of Bruce Barton and Connie Cannon to duke it out with out-of-staters Jeff Rankinen and Holly Reynolds. This match up features possibly the top two female paddlers in the country. Other contenders for the mixed division crown could be 2008 runners up Del and Vicki Cummings from Connecticut and Amy Solak and Tom Cannon.

Two teams that could contend for the overall title will also be battling it out for the Master's Division crown. Look for an exciting race between the teams of Rick Joy/Russ Reker and Brad Gross/Tony Short as the two appear to be very evenly matched.

After winning the Master's Division last year, look for Mike Garon and Doug Gillin to capture the senior crown in this year's event.

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| 4th  | \$5,000  | 4th  | \$5,000  |
| 5th  | \$3,500  | 5th  | \$3,500  |
| 6th  | \$2,500  | 6th  | \$2,500  |
| 7th  | \$1,500  | 7th  | \$1,500  |
| 8th  | \$1,000  | 8th  | \$1,000  |
| 9th  | \$750    | 9th  | \$750    |
| 10th | \$500    | 10th | \$500    |
| 11th | \$250    | 11th | \$250    |
| 12th | \$100    | 12th | \$100    |
| 13th | \$50     | 13th | \$50     |
| 14th | \$25     | 14th | \$25     |

### Leaders' Arrival Time (approx.) Map Location

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| 1. Burton's Landing | 9:40 pm  |
| 2. Stephan Bridge   | 10:15 pm |
| 3. Wakeley Bridge   | 10:45 pm |
| 4. McMasters Bridge | 11:45 pm |
| 5. Chandler Bridge  | 12:45 am |
| 6. Camp 10 Bridge   | 1:55 am  |
| 7. Van Dam          | 2:15 am  |
| 8. Wakeley Bridge   | 4:00 am  |
| 9. Camp 10 Bridge   | 5:00 am  |
| 10. Camp 10 Bridge  | 5:30 am  |
| 11. Camp 10 Bridge  | 7:20 am  |
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**Penrod's Resort** ~ for hosting the time trials for position.

**Becky Ramaswamy** ~ for singing at the time trials.

**John Sullivan** ~ for being emcee at the Marathon Dinner.

**Borchers' Canoe Livery & Carlisle Canoe Livery** ~ for providing additional parking during the time trials.

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**Mio Dam Team** ~ for assistance at Mio Dam.

**Mark & Cheri Hunter / Borchers' Canoe Livery** ~ for organizing the youth races.

**Mike Wieland** ~ for emceeing the time trials for position.

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**Bill Gannon** ~ for the use of his storefront for the Marathon merchandise store.

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**Crawford County Road Commission** ~ for logistical support.

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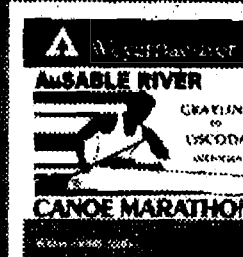
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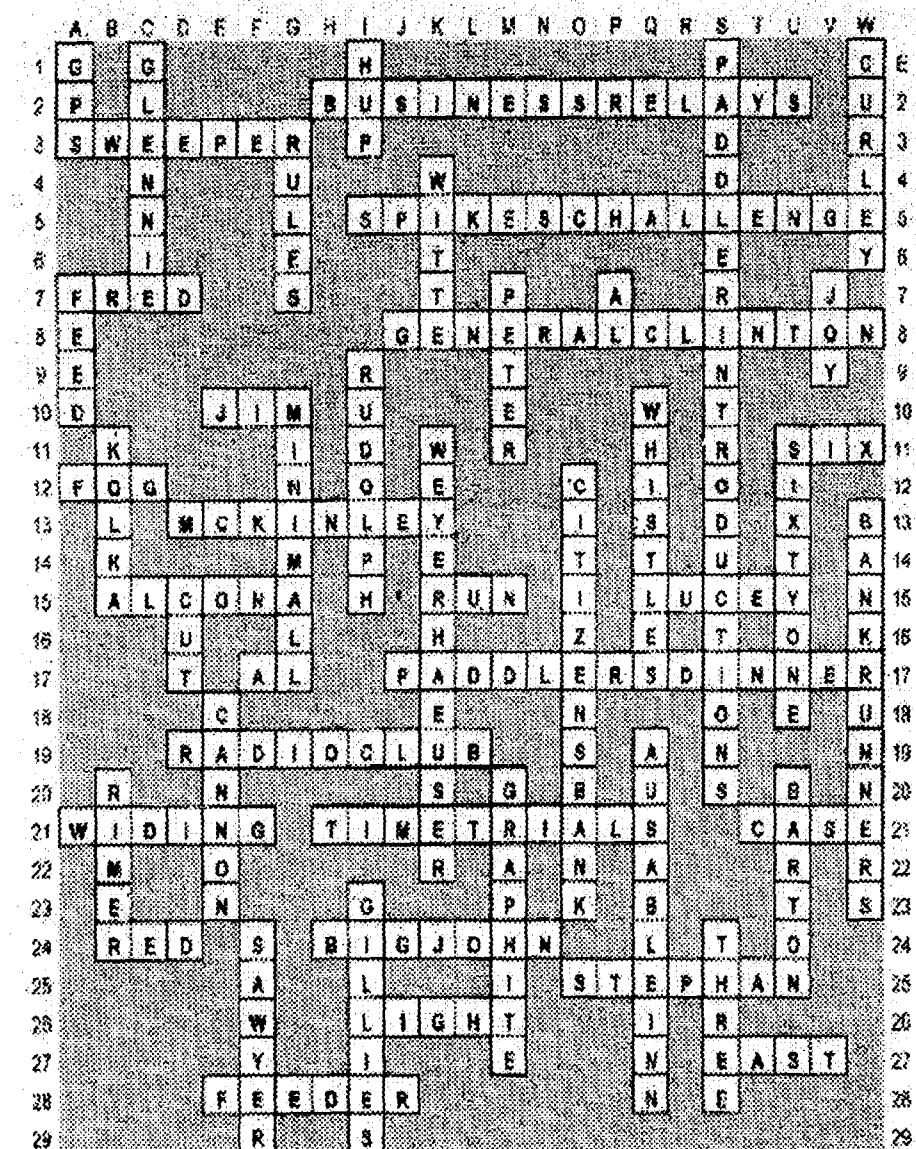
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## MARATHON FUN



Answers for crossword puzzle in the 2009 Program Book

## The completely equipped spectator will have...

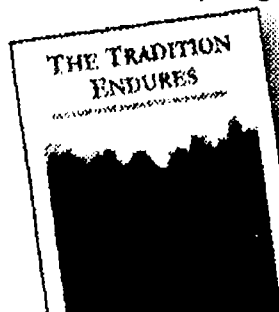
- Full tank of gas
- 62nd Marathon Program Book & Spectator Guide (for racer & course information)
- Paper & pencils with erasers
- AuSable Valley River Paddle, Pedal & Camp Map
- Water
- Lawn chair
- Blanket
- Binoculars
- Insect repellent
- Sun screen
- First aid kit
- Sunglasses
- Toilet paper
- Washcloth (frozen wet in a plastic bag) & soap
- Toothpaste & brush
- Pre-moistened towelettes
- Litter bag
- Camera, film & batteries
- Alarm clock
- Flashlight & batteries
- Cell phone
- Battery-powered radio or Walkman
- Rain gear, extra cool & warm weather clothes
- Cap or hat with visor
- Cooler with snacks, water & other non-alcoholic drinks
- Thermos of hot coffee or cocoa



## Official Merchandise for the 62nd Annual Weyerhaeuser AuSable River International Canoe Marathon

AuSable River International Canoe Marathon merchandise, featuring four all-new 2009 official shirts, the book, "The Tradition Endures: 60 Years of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon," as well as other ARICM merchandise will be available:

- Monday, July 13th through Friday, July 24th - ARICM Outlet Store - Downtown Grayling
- Thursday & Friday, July 23rd & 24th evenings - ARICM Time Trials
- Friday, July 24th - 6:30pm, Marathon Dinner
- Saturday, July 25th - Throughout the day, Citizens Bank lawn
- Saturday, July 25th - 3:00 to 9:00pm, Ingham Street, near the AuSable River & I-75 Business Loop





# PADDLER PROFILES

## Course #2 Sponsors: WEX 104.7 FM Radio & Lake, Elk, & Lake

**Paddler #1** Jerry Killingbeck Age 39  
Hometown East Tawas State MI  
Occupation Machinist  
# Marathons 7 Best Finish 27th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? See if it could be done.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Watching Al Widing paddle by like I was standing still.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? 3 Blue Mooners at White Pine Campground.  
**Paddler #2** Kyle Stonehouse Age 15  
Hometown East Tawas State MI  
Occupation Construction helper/Student  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching my stepdad race it and watching Matt Rimer.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Watching Steve Corlew fall at the beginning in 2007 Marathon.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Getting stuck on a sandbar cutting the corner to close.

**Paddler #1** Jordan Wakeley Age 19  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Lumberjack  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 49th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The physical challenge and the beauty of the river.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Seeing the finish line my first year.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Gummy worms and prunes.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Hitting Paramalee Bridge and tipping in the 2008 Marathon.  
**Paddler #2** Ryan Harris Age 18  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Inventory Specialist  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 65th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? 2005 AuSable River Marathon fight for 1st place.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Making it to the finish line my first year.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Circus Peanuts.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Hitting a rock in the start of 2008 Marathon and it crunched the bottom of the boat.

**Paddler #1** Bruce Barton Age 52  
Hometown Homer State MI  
Occupation Farmer  
# Marathons 15 Best Finish 2nd Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching the race as a child.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? 3 second place finishes.  
**Paddler #2** Connie Cannon Age 48  
Hometown East Lansing State MI  
Occupation School Secretary/Glencarin Elementary School  
# Marathons 10 Best Finish 10th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching John Baker race when I was a kid.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Taking a shower after the Marathon - other racers will know what I mean.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Bugs, yuck.

What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Getting lost in the fog on Alcona Pond.

**Paddler #1** Erich Podjaske Age 27  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Bike Shop  
# Marathons 7 Best Finish 8th Most Recent 2007  
**Paddler #2** Spencer Age 20  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons 2 Best Finish 39th Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Paddling at night and the awesome fans.

**Paddler #1** Tim Chapple Age 35  
Hometown Interlochen State MI  
Occupation Builder  
# Marathons 4 Best Finish 27th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Was a feeder and then wanted to try it.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? First year, first Marathon, first finish.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Dried Cranberries.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? My dad tried to feed me a muddy banana.  
**Paddler #2** Pete Mead Age 28  
Hometown Traverse City State MI  
Occupation Educator  
# Marathons 9 Best Finish 9th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The atmosphere of the "Marathon".  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing in the Top Ten.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pickles.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Watching Nick Walton give me the Grinning Dog.

**Paddler #1** Al Widing Sr. Age 83  
Hometown Mio State MI  
Occupation Retired  
# Marathons 38 Best Finish 2nd Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? An article in the paper.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? After the river part of the race was over we had to run to the fire hall in Oscoda.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Small cooked and salted red potatoes.  
**Paddler #2** Ray Quick Age 53  
Hometown Millington State MI  
Occupation General Contractor  
# Marathons 15 Best Finish 1st Am. Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The challenge.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Winning the amateur race in 1990.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? M&M's.

**Paddler #1** Joe Leusby Age 25  
Hometown Northville State MI  
Occupation Advertising Sales  
# Marathons 3 Best Finish 33rd Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The competition and the challenge.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pizza, Cheese-It Party Mix.

What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Below Cooke Dam in 2007 we were trying to drop a team. I caught a limb in the ribs, in a cut and got knocked out of the boat.

**Paddler #2** Matthew McDougall-Smith  
Hometown Laingsburg State MI  
Occupation Student/Landscaper  
# Marathons 6 Best Finish 28th Most Recent 2004  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Brother told me about a crazy race in Grayling.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing in last place with my brother.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Regular Coke Classic and Gummy worms.

**Paddler #1** Rick Joy Age 50  
Hometown Silverwood State MI  
Occupation Retired from GM  
# Marathons 32 Best Finish 3rd Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The endurance challenge and the night paddling.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Breaking the all time race record in '94, even though we finished 3rd.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Power gels.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Seeing Patrick Lynch and Denis Marcouiller tip on a fish hide 3 bends above Wakeley Bridge and get back in and tip on the log 2 bends above Wakeley.  
**Paddler #2** Russ Reker Age 44  
Hometown Lapeer State MI  
Occupation Manufacturing Engineer  
# Marathons 5 Best Finish 10th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The challenge of the race.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? My first Marathon and how I felt good until I stepped out of the boat.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Peanut Butter and jelly sandwich & Rice Krispie treats.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Getting dumped out of the boat at 5 Channels by my partner.

**Paddler #1** Josh Taylor Age 30  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Oil field  
# Marathons 5 Best Finish 6th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Everything about it.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? The 2004 race with the bad fog.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pickles.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? A dog running across the river at the start of the 2006 Marathon.  
**Paddler #2** Mitch McMillan Age 34  
Hometown Clare State MI  
Occupation Physical Therapist  
# Marathons N/A Best Finish 6th Most Recent 2007  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? 6th place finish in 2007.

**Paddler #1** Brian Jacobs Age 43  
Hometown Frederic State MI  
Occupation Weyerhaeuser  
# Marathons 2 Best Finish 56th Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watched it for years and decided to give it a try.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? I finished on my first attempt.

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**Paddler #2** Kevin Murphy Age 46  
Hometown Frederic State MI  
Occupation Crawford County Road Commission  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish DNF Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? I like being on the water and canoeing and the challenge of finishing.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? In 2007 paddling next to Al Widing Sr, a moment I will never forget.

**Canoe #15**  
Sponsors: Our Backdoor Magazine

**Paddler #1** Grant Tally Age 47  
Hometown Flat Rock State MI  
Occupation Automotive Designer  
# Marathons 4 Best Finish 43rd Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching as a kid from my cabin on Cooke Pond.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing my first Marathon with 9 minutes to spare and being proud to have finished.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Cheese bagels with peanut butter.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? A small mouth bass jumped into my boat while paddling with my brother.

**Paddler #2** Tim Feldkamp Age 43  
Hometown Ann Arbor State MI  
Occupation Auto Engineer  
# Marathons 4 Best Finish 39th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? I watched the Marathon for first time in 2000.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Seeing the finish line for the first time (2002).  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pizza.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? While training a long branch snagged a friend's C-1, changing his direction of travel to full speed reverse.

**Canoe #17**

**Paddler #1** Jim Bauer Age 64  
Hometown Spokane State WA  
Occupation Teacher  
# Marathons 4 Best Finish 17th Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Beauty of rivers.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Paddling with good teams during the night.

**Paddler #2** Alison Scott Age 45  
Hometown Spokane State WA  
Occupation Respiratory Therapist  
# Marathons N/A Best Finish N/A Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? A good friend told me it was a great way to train and it will take you to a beautiful rivers. Racing the Marathon - it's the challenge.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Beautiful night and full moon.

**Canoe #18**

Sponsors: Grayling Restaurant & Pannin Builders

**Paddler #1** Rusty Argue Age 39  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Heavy Equipment Operator  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The challenge.  
**Paddler #2** Matt Hellebuyck Age 18  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Dishwasher  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 65th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The crowd.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Combos.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Tipping over 3 times at the start of the 2008 Marathon.

**Canoe #19**  
Sponsors: Days Inn of Grayling

**Paddler #1** Devon Arenz Age 31  
Hometown St Paul State MN  
Occupation Sinnsisu Inc.  
# Marathons 4 Best Finish 7th Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Family.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Gummi Bears.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Fish jumping into the boat.  
**Paddler #2** Joe Shaw Age 53  
Hometown Worthington State MA  
Occupation Banker  
# Marathons 12 Best Finish 8th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Triple Crown Race: awesome course.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Getting lost in the fog.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? The bugs at sundown.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Showing Gary & Gloria the Camp 10 cuts in the fog. If you have not heard the story ask Gloria.

**Canoe #20**  
Sponsors: DeMarini and Associates & L.R. Ferguson Construction

**Paddler #1** Alex Donaldson Age 21  
Hometown Ann Arbor State MI  
Occupation Engineering Student  
# Marathons 2 Best Finish 48th Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The peacefulness and challenge of paddling at night on the AuSable.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? The start and finish lines because of the fans who make this race so exciting, the bridges and landings too.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Popcorn chicken and watermelon mixed in the same feed bag.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Conner's Flats Bra Tree, 54 double F enough said.

**Paddler #2** Isaac VanNuck Age 19  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The challenge and I have been watching it since I was a kid.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Tipping over before the start of the Traverse City race.

**Canoe #22**  
Sponsors: Arctic Glacier Pure Ice & AuSable Chiropractic Clinic PC

**Paddler #1** Lee Barnett Age 28  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Mechanic at MATES  
# Marathons 3 Best Finish 2nd Am. Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? I worked at Borchers and got caught in the hype.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Seeing Sean Casey eating a lemon pie in the stern at Loud Dam with a huge smile.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? A sub floating in the boat.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? During the 2002 Harry Curley race Rob Reed and myself flipped and a pontoon boat was right there. Before I could get out of the water Rob was on the pontoon and had a beer 1/2 gone.

**Paddler #2** Colin Hunter Age 28  
Hometown Grayling State MI

Occupation Attorney - 46th Circuit Law Clerk  
# Marathons 12 Best Finish 11th Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Grew up on the banks of the AuSable and watched racers go by.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? 1996 - finishing my first Marathon & Jeff Kalka (won his first Marathon) wanted to congratulate me in Oscoda.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Mountain Dew at Foote Dam.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? 2003-paddling with Pete Mead about 2 bends past my house - my "home stretch" and telling another team where to be - then we hit a log and flipped over, never saw them again that race.

**Canoe #23**  
Sponsors: Rick & Son's Super B Motel & Maera's Automotive

**Paddler #1** Ken Kolonich Age 63  
Hometown Eaton Rapids State MI  
Occupation GM Retiree  
# Marathons 20 Best Finish 2nd Most Recent 2001  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The challenge of it.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Paddling with my dad in 1961 and paddling with my first son in his first Marathon.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Going under Camp Ten Bridge twice during a Marathon.

**Paddler #2** Steve Kolonich Age 37  
Hometown Eaton Rapids State MI  
Occupation Landscaper  
# Marathons 16 Best Finish 2nd Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The competition.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Coming in 2nd with my dad.

**Canoe #24**  
Sponsors: Kay City's Old City Hall & Rydell Automotive - Au Gres

**Paddler #1** Eric Dittenber Age 31  
Hometown Grand Rapids State MI  
Occupation Statistical Analyst.  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 66th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching my cousin race growing up.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Watching them hand Frank Taber the checkered flag at the finish line.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? I don't eat much more than GU.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? A snowmobile crossed the river 30 feet in front of us.

**Paddler #2** Darin Lile Age 35  
Hometown Macomb State MI  
Occupation QA Field Rep.  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching the start of the Marathon a few years ago and it looked like it would be a great challenge.

**Canoe #25**  
Sponsors: The Trophy Trailer of Traverse City & Traverse City Services

**Paddler #1** Tom Cannon Age 53  
Hometown East Lansing State MI  
Occupation Carpenter  
# Marathons 9 Best Finish 5th Most Recent 2006  
What attracted you to the Marathon? I love to paddle and enjoy the people who race. The Marathon will always test your ability.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing every race and I will never forget the extra lap around the island in Mio Pond.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? In a whitewater race, I missed the line to paddle and went through a section of rocky nasty rapids. It's funny now but at the moment I thought I was going to die.



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**Paddler #2** Amy Solak Age 44  
Hometown Traverse City State MI  
Occupation Executive Secretary for State of Michigan  
# Marathons 8 Best Finish 18th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Growing up around it and watching family.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing my first Marathon with my dad and then watching my son finish in 2008 with him.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Cold Mac and Cheese. Yum!!  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Seeing all the different lights and signals that feeders use to identify themselves. Connie Cannon and I had pink flamingos.

**Canoe # 26**  
Sponsors: Borchers Canoe Library & Grayling Ausable Eye Care

**Paddler #1** Matt McDonald Age 19  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Student - CMU/ Borchers  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Being from Grayling and watching the race.  
**Paddler #2** Nick McDonald Age 16  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Student/Grayling Fish Hatchery  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Being from Grayling and watching the race.

**Canoe # 27**  
Sponsors: Jay's Motel

**Paddler #1** Joe Pollock Age 50  
Hometown Edmore State MI  
Occupation Retired  
# Marathons 10 Best Finish 17th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The challenge of the race.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? All my Marathon's have had a memorable experience.  
**Paddler #2** Dwight Walker Age 55  
Hometown Marshall State MI  
Occupation Copier Field Service Technician  
# Marathons 13 Best Finish 14th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Challenge of the length and night paddling and knowing the cuts.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Paddling with Ed Lazar, we caught Al Duckworth and Greg Nelson at Alcona Pond and paddled with them most of the way.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Oreos.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? The real foggy year seeing Bob Bradford paddling towards us as we went into a cut below Mio and we were going the right way.

**Canoe # 28**

**Paddler #1** Del Cummings Age 51  
Hometown Meriden State CT  
Occupation Chemistry Teacher  
# Marathons 2 Best Finish 20th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The challenge.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing for the first time.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? String Cheese that fell in the bottom of the boat.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Wood duck chicks dropping out of a tree.  
**Paddler #2** Vicki Cummings Age 47  
Hometown Meriden State CT  
Occupation Reading Teacher  
# Marathons 2 Best Finish 20th Most Recent 2008

What attracted you to the Marathon? The great people and fun.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Crossing the finishline.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Potatoes.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? A large snapping turtle "jumped" off a tree leaning over the river and almost landed on the boat.

**Canoe # 29**  
Sponsors: B & B General Contracting Inc. & Gilbert Drugs

**Paddler #1** Michael Poland Age 34  
Hometown Oscoda State MI  
Occupation General Contractor  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 37th Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The physical and mental challenges. My respect for the Marathon.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Losing my temper at Whirlpool 45 minutes from the finish.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Tums and Pepto.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Some things that you see happen along the river while paddling should not be repeated.  
**Paddler #2** Rodney Matthews Age 54  
Hometown Oscoda State MI  
Occupation Professional Automotive Tech  
# Marathons 6 Best Finish 25th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Physical conditioning needed and competitive spirit.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? 2004 - coming out ahead of several teams on fog covered Alcona Pond.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Salt covered melon.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Watching a bald eagle sitting in a tree being attacked by an osprey.

**Canoe # 30**  
Sponsors: Noble Medical Response & Triple M Tire - Grayling

**Paddler #1** Jason Hatfield Age 31  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation DTE Employee  
# Marathons 3 Best Finish 11th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Growing up in Grayling and watching friends paddle it.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Yellow watermelon.  
**Paddler #2** Mike Bradford Age 44  
Hometown Lapeer State MI  
Occupation Carpenter  
# Marathons 14 Best Finish 6th Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching it.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Breaking the amateur record with my dad in 1986.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? When in NY the boat sponsored by the Honey Brown had diarrhea running down the sponsor.

**Canoe # 31**

**Paddler #1** Neil Wiesnew Age 50  
Hometown Mequon State WI  
Occupation Pro Sporting Event Sponsorship and Management  
# Marathons 2 Best Finish 32nd Most Recent 2003  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The level of competition and the personal challenge of racing 120 miles.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? My bow paddler using the F-bomb when "Asking" another racer to turn off their light.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Ensure.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? About that bow paddler and light...  
**Paddler #2** Fritz Hansen Age 68  
Hometown Burlington State WI  
Occupation Retired

# Marathons 6 Best Finish 15th Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The challenge.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? All the people at the bridges cheering.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Hard boiled eggs.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Hitting a log and flipping -then getting run into by 2 friends.(funny after the fact - next day)

**Canoe # 32**  
Sponsors: Ace Hardware of Oscoda & Oscoda Home Center

**Paddler #1** Chris Curley Age 24  
Hometown Oscoda State MI  
Occupation Laborer  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 53rd Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Family, friends, and girlfriend.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finish in 2008.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Chocolate Donuts.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Tipping over in swirly eddies in the upper stretch.  
**Paddler #2** David Dailey Age 25  
Hometown Oscoda State MI  
Occupation Carpenter  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Friends.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Fudge Rounds.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Teetering on a log.

**Canoe # 33**  
Sponsors: Jay's Motel and Cottages

**Paddler #1** Michael Davis Age 39  
Hometown New Hope State MN  
Occupation Sales  
# Marathons 2 Best Finish 18:03 Most Recent 1990  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Living in Grayling.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Reaching Mio Dam in my first race and hardly walking in the portage.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Paddling in the fog and almost hitting a bridge, another time so much water came in it sank the canoe.  
**Paddler #2** Jo Harberts Age 50  
Hometown Minneapolis State MN  
Occupation French Teacher - K  
# Marathons 3 Best Finish 55th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The challenge and adventure in the dark.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Waking up in the water on Loud, right before the dam.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Honeydew, cantaloupe and watermelon.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Steve Petereson paddling bow, a deer swimming across the river in front of us and having him get stitches 2x's: knee and head.

**Canoe # 34**  
Sponsors: Borchers Canoe Library & Kroschke Construction

**Paddler #1** Emily Peterson Age 29  
Hometown Minneapolis State MN  
Occupation IT Business Analyst  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 21st Most Recent 2007  
Attraction to the Marathon? My grandfather, Buzzy Peterson and my dad Steve Peterson.  
Most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing my first Marathon with my dad.  
Oddest thing you eat paddling? Cans and cans of Ensure.  
Funniest thing you have witnessed? My partner and I literally sank our boat in a race. We filled up with so much water but continued to paddle even when we were submerged under the water a little.

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**Paddler #2** Carrie Montgomery Age 39  
Hometown Mikado State MI  
Occupation Timber Tech. US Forest Service  
# Marathons 14 Best Finish 16th Most Recent 2008  
Attraction to the Marathon? Growing up in Grayling and watching the race. Watching Phil, my brother, in 1980 and 1981 Marathon.  
Most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing with a family member Tom, Mandy or Ray Trudgeon.  
Oddest thing you eat paddling? Fruit Snacks.  
Funniest thing you have witnessed? During the night other canoes paddling upstream at you.

## Canoe # 35 Sponsors: Basic Communications

**Paddler #1** Mark Noorman Age 40  
Hometown Rockford State MI  
Occupation Firefighter  
# Marathons 2 Best Finish DNF Most Recent 2007  
Attraction to the Marathon? The challenge.  
Most memorable Marathon experience? Watching the Northern Lights one year.  
**Paddler #2** Frank Bailey Age 55  
Hometown Grand Rapids State MI  
Occupation Television Engineer  
# Marathons 7 Best Finish DNF Most Recent 2007  
Attraction to the Marathon? Disbelief that it could be done (by me).  
Most memorable Marathon experience? The Taber turnaround. Rejean knows (or should).  
Funniest thing you have witnessed? My partner (Frank Taber always had a joke saved for the night.)

## Canoe # 36 Sponsors: Fay's Motel & Outback Steak House of Traverse City

**Paddler #1** Michael Garon Age 51  
Hometown Washington State MI  
Occupation Manager Clinical Engineer  
# Marathons 14 Best Finish 20th Most Recent 2008  
Attraction to the Marathon? The stress management gained during the race.  
Most memorable Marathon experience? The 2004 race 34th and lots of fog.  
**Paddler #2** Doug Gillin Age 50  
Hometown Adrian State MI  
Occupation Carpenter/Builder  
# Marathons 4 Best Finish 22nd Most Recent 2008  
Attraction to the Marathon? A friend and the physical challenge.  
Most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing first amateur in 2000.

## Canoe # 37 Sponsors: Florida Competition Paddlers Assoc. & United States Canoe Assoc.

**Paddler #1** Dick Kloss Age 67  
Hometown Wallaceburg State Ontario  
Occupation Retired  
# Marathons 9 Best Finish 21st Most Recent 2008  
Attraction to the Marathon? My son racing Jim Carl in Marathon.  
Most memorable Marathon experience? When you are old, you can't remember anything.  
Oddest thing you eat paddling? Old Age again.  
Funniest thing you have witnessed? An alligator lifting Phil Sout in his C-1 completely out of the water and Phil stayed in the boat.  
**Paddler #2** Larry Frederick Age 59  
Hometown Archer State FL  
Occupation Retired engineer  
# Marathons 2 Best Finish 42nd Most Recent 2008  
Attraction to the Marathon? I'm still trying to figure that out. I think it is the competition for old guys.  
Most memorable Marathon experience? Our finish in 2007, my first Marathon. I did not think that I would make the cut-offs but we did!

Oddest thing you eat paddling? Ginger snaps.  
Funniest thing you have witnessed? Watching my much younger partner spew his cookies 6 hours into an 8 hour race. Young people don't listen very often.

## Canoe #39 Sponsors: Glennie Tavern & Tawas Barber Shop

**Paddler #1** Joseph McDougall Age 32  
Hometown East Tawas State MI  
Occupation Nurse  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
**Paddler #2** Craig McDougall Age 56  
Hometown Glennie State MI  
Occupation Farmer  
# Marathons 5 Best Finish 6th Most Recent 1982

## Canoe # 40 Sponsors: The Bicycle Shop & Ramada Inn of Grayling

**Paddler #1** Fred Mills Age 55  
Hometown Roscommon State MI  
Occupation Builder  
# Marathons 12 Best Finish 12th Most Recent 2008  
Attraction to the Marathon? Myself, dad's brother did Grayling to Oscoda in 5 days fishing and camping.  
Most memorable Marathon experience? 1st finish with my brother in 1995.  
Oddest thing you eat paddling? Being a bowman and I have to say lots of bugs.  
Funniest thing you have witnessed? Seeing the same hallucination as my brother & almost drowning on Mio Pond because I was stuck in my foot brace upside down at 2:30 am.  
**Paddler #2** Bob Smith Age 35  
Hometown Roscommon State MI  
Occupation Bicycle Shop Owner  
# Marathons 12 Best Finish 19th Most Recent 2008  
Attraction to the Marathon? Watching and following the race for years.  
Most memorable Marathon experience? My first finish with my brother Matt.  
Oddest thing you eat paddling? Hard boiled eggs and boiled potatoes.  
Funniest thing you have witnessed? I swear I smelled "Big Foot" once when I was paddling.

## Canoe # 41 Sponsors: Rimer's Canoe Shop

**Paddler #1** Marcia Rimer Age 49  
Hometown Horton State MI  
Occupation Office Manager/Massage therapist  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish N/A Most Recent 2007  
Attraction to the Marathon? Family member.  
Most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing the Marathon.  
Oddest thing you eat paddling? Mike & Ike candy and Garlic stuffed olives.  
**Paddler #2** Sarah Webb Age 48  
Hometown Hubbard Lake State MI  
Occupation Retail Manager  
# Marathons 2 Best Finish 32nd Most Recent 2007  
Attraction to the Marathon? My husband.  
Most memorable Marathon experience? My first finish.  
Oddest thing you eat paddling? Mountain Dew.

## Canoe # 42 Sponsors: Kirtland Community College Herb Olson Farm Bureau Insurance Agency

**Paddler #1** Jon Thompson Age 52  
Hometown Lewiston State MI  
Occupation Writing Instructor @ KCC  
# Marathons 8 Best Finish 21st Most Recent 2008  
Attraction to the Marathon? Growing up in Grayling.  
Most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing 2007 Marathon with my son Jason.  
Funniest thing you have witnessed? In February, we kept paddling down-

stream even though the shore ice kept narrowing the water channel. Finally, the AuSable was frozen all the way across and we couldn't turn around. We had to paddle backwards, upstream for 20 minutes.

**Paddler #2** Ellen Thompson Age 52  
Hometown Lewiston State MI  
Occupation Teacher  
# Marathons 3 Best Finish 56th Most Recent 2008  
Attraction to the Marathon? The challenge of the race and the beauty of the AuSable River.  
Most memorable Marathon experience? Swimming in Foote Pond-2008.  
Oddest thing you eat paddling? Homemade power cookies & grapes.

## Canoe # 43 Sponsors: 9 Oaks Inn & Slater Oil Field Services

**Paddler #1** Mike Hartman Age 33  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Social Worker  
# Marathons 9 Best Finish 16th Most Recent 2007  
Attraction to the Marathon? Growing up in Grayling.  
Most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing up my first marathon.  
Oddest thing you eat paddling? Jelly Bellies.  
Funniest thing you have witnessed? Racing the marathon with Tad Hill - Can't repeat the stories  
**Paddler #2** David Teddy Age 35  
Hometown Dexter State MI  
Occupation Teacher  
# Marathons 9 Best Finish 9th Most Recent 2008  
Attraction to the Marathon? Growing up in Grayling.  
Most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing in the top 10 for the first time.  
Oddest thing you eat paddling? Go-gurt and Rice Krispie Treats.  
Funniest thing you have witnessed? Lots of good jokes in a couple of marathons to break up the monotony of the long night.

## Canoe # 44 Sponsors: Wood Haven Log & Lumber & Mio Rental & Retail

**Paddler #1** Brad Wilson Age 27  
Hometown Rockford State MI  
Occupation PE and Health Teacher  
# Marathons 8 Best Finish 23rd Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? My dad taking me to the race and growing up on the river.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing when I was 15 in 1997.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Cheeseburgers.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Colin Hunter peeing off the side of the boat right in front of Lynne Witte.  
**Paddler #2** Ashley Marsh Age 32  
Hometown Mio State MI  
Occupation P.E. and Health Teacher  
# Marathons 6 Best Finish 23rd Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Feeding for the Smuteks - Ted & Frank Smutek - and the crazy fans at the bridges.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? 1st place amateur in 2001 and the year of the "FOG" in 2004.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Burgers, pizza and chicken salad sandwiches.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Paddling upstream in the year of the fog and not knowing until Bob Bradford let me know.



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## Canoe # 45

Sponsors: Western Reserve Photos Studio & Canoe Rental Co.

**Paddler #1** Skip Conant Age 48  
Hometown Avon State OH  
Occupation Manage family owned Crane Rental Co.  
# Marathons 2 Best Finish 54th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Interest since early 80's during my days at MI Tech.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing the Marathon the first time.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Peanut Butter and Jelly.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? The characters you see while training on the river.

**Paddler #2** Andy Tenbusch Age 23  
Hometown Avon State OH  
Occupation Naval Aviation Officer  
# Marathons 2 Best Finish 54th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? My stern partner talked me into it.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Being flipped by the paddle wheeler in Foote Pond.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Snickers Bars  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Turning around at the halfway point on the Spike's Sprint - accidentally.

## Canoe # 46

Sponsors: Dairy Queen of Grayling & Grayling Auto Repair

**Paddler #1** John Lucey Age 45  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Forensic Scientist  
# Marathons 6 Best Finish 36th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The magnitude of the event. The excitement of the Marathon.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing the race with my wife in 2003.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Peanut M & M's.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Same as Cheryl's.  
**Paddler #2** Cheryl Lucey Age 47  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Substitute Teacher  
# Marathons 4 Best Finish 40th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? My husband made me paddle with him when he trained in 1998 and 2000 for the Marathon.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing in 2006 after being very ill coming into Alcona.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Strawberry bars.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Chasing Dwight Walker during a Mio race. Two rec. canoes were having a water war so he yelled "time out" and they stopped. While we yelled for them to get him. He then paddled right between them.

## Canoe # 47

Sponsors: Best And Tasty River Falls Available Bikes & Upper Lakes Tire

**Paddler #1** Jeff DeFeo Age 54  
Hometown Chester State MA  
Occupation Home Builder  
# Marathons 9 Best Finish 34th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? 1st time it was the challenge of night paddling, since then the people of the Grayling Area.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Fog and cold of the 2004 race.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Cheryl Lowe's carrot cake.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? People wandering around

Alcona Pond in the fog in 2004.

**Paddler #2** Cheryl Lowes Age 53  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Special Ed  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Feeding Jay Stephan Jr. & John Baker and seeing the excitement of the race made me want to paddle the Marathon.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? The year that John Baker lost the Marathon by 6 seconds.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Dried fruit.

## Canoe # 48

Sponsors: Ken's Tire and Auto

**Paddler #1** Jeff Baerlocher Age 42  
Hometown Roscommon State MI  
Occupation Fitness Trainer  
# Marathons 3 Best Finish 38th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? It's a good workout!  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Heavy fog of 2004.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Milk

**Paddler #2** Brian Royce Age 37  
Hometown Roscommon State MI  
Occupation Teacher  
# Marathons 8 Best Finish 21st Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Sounded like fun!  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Fog of 2004 and heat lightning.

## Canoe # 49

Sponsors: Upper Lakes Tire

**Paddler #1** Ray Trudgeon Age 27  
Hometown East Lansing State MI  
Occupation Civil Engineer  
# Marathons 6 Best Finish 5th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? I could only stay away from it for so long before getting sucked in.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Racing the Marathon with my dad and aunt.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Banana Bread Muffins.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Brad Gross breaking equipment is always funny.

**Paddler #2** Brad Bauer Age 35  
Hometown Seattle State WA  
Occupation 4th and 5th Grade Teacher  
# Marathons 5 Best Finish 5th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Family and the challenge.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? The year of the fog.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? GU  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? I saw Jeff Rankinen and Todd Roadman going the wrong way on the river.

## Canoe # 50

Sponsors: Silver Star Mountain Resort

**Paddler #1** Nick Bauer  
Hometown Spokane State WA  
# Marathons N/A Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
**Paddler #2** Glenn Bond Age 36  
Hometown Vernon State BC  
Occupation Nordic Ski Manager  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The challenge.

## Canoe # 51

Sponsors: Borchers Canoe Livery

**Paddler #1** Anna Peterson Age 32  
Hometown Oak Grove State MN  
Occupation Biologist  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Dad Steve Peterson and Grandpa, Buzzy Peterson raced the Marathon.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Tipping over 100 meters before the finishline and watching my brother pass me.

**Paddler #2** Steve Peterson Age 60  
Hometown Oak Grove State MN  
Occupation Teacher  
# Marathons N/A Best Finish 1st Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Father - Buzzy Peterson.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Paddling with my daughters in the Marathon.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Stuff I find on the floor on the canoe at night.

## Canoe # 52

Sponsors: Alcona Canoe Rental, Glennie & Huron Sport & Fitness

**Paddler #1** Kevin Ornatowski Age 50  
Hometown Tawas City State MI  
Occupation Owner of Alcona Canoes  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 46th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching for 20 years at the Canoe Rental as race teams go by.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Seeing my wife and daughter at the finish line.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Oreos  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? My daughter Malory is 8 yrs we hope to paddle the Marathon in 7 yrs.  
**Paddler #2** John Langstaff Age 22  
Hometown Twining State MI  
Occupation Teacher  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 46th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching the race while working at Alcona Canoe.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Passing a canoe on the last straightaway in Oscoda to the finish 46th in 2008.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Fruit cups and Oreos.

## Canoe # 53

Sponsors: Savage Plumbing & Heating & Dan's Snow Plowing

**Paddler #1** Daniel Medina Age 15  
Hometown Roscommon State MI  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Living in the area and watching my brother in 2007 & 2008.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Watching my brother in 2008.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Spaghetti.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Paddling on the South Branch and coming across some drunk canoers who ripped us for going the "wrong way" (up stream).  
**Paddler #2** Michael Harmon Age 16  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Feeding in the Marathon and watch-

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ing for many years.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Feeding for the Moggo's the last 2 years.

## Canoe # 54

Sponsors: Penrod's Canoe Livery, Grayling

**Paddler #1** Lynne Witte Age 54  
Hometown Mt. Clemens State MI  
Occupation Elementary Teacher  
# Marathons 29 Best Finish 4th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The opportunity to challenge myself.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Paddling Mio to McKinley during a beautiful display of lightning.  
**Paddler #2** Carina Peritore Age 31  
Hometown Arlington State MA  
Occupation Graduate Student - chemistry  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 53rd Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? I love the competition and night paddling.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? My only experience - last year.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Carrot cake.

## Canoe # 55

Sponsors: Four Seasons Food & Coleman Industrial Services

**Paddler #1** Paul Freeman Age 40  
Hometown Mission Hills State KS  
Occupation Construction  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? I am a big time adventurer, racer, triathlete and marathoner, kayaker.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Cliff Bar.  
**Paddler #2** Tom Wilson Age 44  
Hometown Mission Hills State KS  
Occupation Financial Advisor  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? I have run 7 marathons, and am an expert canoeist. It should be fun.

## Canoe # 56

Sponsors: Hi Tec Insulation & Mio - Michigan Asphalt

**Paddler #1** Shane Barber Age 33  
Hometown West Branch State MI  
Occupation Carpenter  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? I've been passionate about the race since a young age and figured its time.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Following it at 14 years old and helping as a feeder.  
**Paddler #2** Zachary Kimball Age 31  
Hometown West Branch State MI  
Occupation Chiropractor  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? I love athletic competition and enjoy canoeing.

## Canoe # 57

Sponsors: Gilbert Drugs & Jansen Agency & Associate

**Paddler #1** Joey Kimsel Age 28  
Hometown Oscoda State MI  
Occupation Cableman  
# Marathons 4 Best Finish 13th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The River.

## Paddler #2

Jon Webb Age 49  
Hometown Hubbard Lake State MI  
Occupation Professional Educator  
# Marathons 14 Best Finish 15th Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? It looked like my kind of fun.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Watching Big John Baker and Jerry Kellogg's big come from behind to place, I believe 4th in their last race.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Not sure what it was but the trout sure liked them.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Realizing why #32 was put on upside down when I saw Kevin Curley an partner with the number turned right side up in the Looking Glass River.

## Canoe # 58

Sponsors: Three Rivers Corporation & Dewey's Automotive

**Paddler #1** Steve Bis Age 40  
Hometown Sanford State MI  
Occupation Health and Safety Specialist  
# Marathons 2 Best Finish 29th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? A friend of the family.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing 2008 Marathon with my best friend Don Brooks.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Carr's trail mix.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Tipping over 3 times in the race.  
**Paddler #2** Timothy McClure Age 51  
Hometown Roscommon State MI  
Occupation School Teacher  
# Marathons 3 Best Finish 17th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? My sons interest.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing 25th our first year.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Saw a blue heron catch and eat a black bird during a practice run.

## Canoe # 59

Sponsors: Gould Engineering Inc. & Dick's Sporting Goods

**Paddler #1** Mike Taylor Age 54  
Hometown Brighton State MI  
Occupation Retired  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish N/A Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The challenge.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Watching the sun come up.  
**Paddler #2** Martin Spees Age 39  
Hometown Flint State MI  
Occupation Civil Engineering  
# Marathons 3 Best Finish 32nd Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Being on the water and enjoying the outdoors.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? The first time completing the Marathon in 2006.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Ibuprofen.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? My scariest event was hitting a rock in the middle of the night and overturning the boat.

## Canoe # 60

Sponsors: Burnt Hill Chiropractic & Computer

**Paddler #1** Alec Davis Age 69  
Hometown Ballston Lake State NY  
Occupation Retired

# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Bob Bradford said it was an easy race.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Launching over a beaver dam at full speed in a war canoe - bow went 6 inches under.  
**Paddler #2** Roger Henry Age 67  
Hometown Rexford State NY  
Occupation Retired  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A

## Canoe # 61

Sponsors: Smith & Brooker, P.C.

**Paddler #1** Chuck Hewitt Age 50  
Hometown Bay City State MI  
Occupation Attorney  
# Marathons 10 Best Finish 19th Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The Marathon was the attraction - now I wonder why I keep doing it.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? 2005 the first finish with my son Chris.  
**Paddler #2** Chris Hewitt Age 19  
Hometown Bay City State MI  
Occupation Student/MSU  
# Marathons 3 Best Finish 45th Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The challenge and watching my dad race.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? First finish in 2005.

## Canoe # 62

Sponsors: Piquette Electric & Jackson & Son Electric

**Paddler #1** Blaise St. Pierre Age 69  
Hometown St. Charles State Quebec  
Occupation Retired  
# Marathons 13 Best Finish 7th Most Recent 2003  
What attracted you to the Marathon? I do it for the challenge.  
**Paddler #2** Joe Seifert Age 57  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Old Electrician  
# Marathons 12 Best Finish 10th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Living on the AuSable.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Tenth finish.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Bugs.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? In 99 watching Bob and Al before 5 Channels, Al in the stern.

## Canoe # 63

Sponsors: The Livestock Feed & Fertilizer Co. & Paul Olsen - National Industries of MI

**Paddler #1** Sean Casey Age 30  
Hometown Mount Pleasant State MI  
Occupation Bellman  
# Marathons 9 Best Finish 15th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Growing up in Grayling.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Racing with Al Widing Sr.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Coffee and donuts.  
**Paddler #2** Matt Meersman Age 32  
Hometown South Bend State IN  
Occupation Conservationist  
# Marathons 4 Best Finish 6th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The competition and excitement.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Getting clothes-lined during my first Marathon by a branch.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Combos.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? A dog running across the river at the start of the 2006 Marathon.



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## Canoe # 66

Sponsors: Lake Trail Resort

**Paddler #1** Steve Watson Age 37  
Hometown Onaway State MI  
Occupation Teacher  
# Marathons 8 Best Finish 6th Most Recent 2008

What attracted you to the Marathon? Family.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? First time finished.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Hostess Donuts.

What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? At Corners Flats a beaver slapped its tail between us and the Mill's Brothers in 1998 and scared us.

**Paddler #2** Dylan Freedman Age 19  
Hometown Rochester State NY  
# Marathons N/A Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A

**Paddler #1** Garrett Dawe Age 27  
Hometown Gaylord State MI  
Occupation Civil Engineer  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon? It's a unique competitive sport.

**Paddler #2** Tom Warschewsky Age 26  
Hometown Sheridan State MI  
Occupation Hunter/Fisherman

# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon? Being a spectator over the last few years.

What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Tipping over the first time I paddled my race boat. Actually, it wasn't that funny at that time because it was March.

## Canoe # 68

Sponsors: Alcona Boat & Marina & Williams Canoeing Team

**Paddler #1** Shawn Smith Age 27  
Hometown Oscoda State MI  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A

**Paddler #2** Chris Scully Age 48  
Hometown Lincoln State MI  
Occupation Auto Detailer

# Marathons 5 Best Finish 32nd Most Recent 2008

What attracted you to the Marathon? The excitement and adrenaline rush.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Knowing Ralph for several miles.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Bugs.

## Canoe # 69

Sponsors: Tobi's Tans and Hair Salon & Wiggins

**Paddler #1** Todd Van De Ven Age 37  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation US Army Retired  
# Marathons 7 Best Finish 18th Most Recent 2008

What attracted you to the Marathon? Living in Grayling.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Being the first 15 year old team to finish the Marathon in 1987.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pizza.

What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? My partner sold his boat in the middle of the race.

**Paddler #2** Cameron McClain Age 26  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Builder

# Marathons 2 Best Finish 19th Most Recent 2008

What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching the Marathon as a child and Grayling

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing my 1st Marathon with Bob Smith.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Sour Patch Kids.

## Canoe # 70

Sponsors: Crozier Canoe & Cycle Path Sport Shop

**Paddler #1** Madelen Johnson Age 18  
Hometown Menominee State MI  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 47th Most Recent 2008

What attracted you to the Marathon? My parents.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Crossing the finish-line for the first time with my dad.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Steak.

What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Wearing my shirt backwards all the way through the Marathon last year.

**Paddler #2** Joe Johnson Age 59  
Hometown Menominee State MI  
Occupation Retired Teacher

# Marathons 9 Best Finish 6th Most Recent 2008

What attracted you to the Marathon? My friends and the challenge

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Racing with my daughter last year.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Steak.

What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? My daughter wearing her shirt backwards all the way through the race.

## Canoe # 71

Sponsors: Staff N' Staff Self Storage & E. Ramaswamy MD

**Paddler #1** Brian Borchert Age 22  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Alaska fishing guide

# Marathons 3 Best Finish 1st Am. Most Recent 2004

What attracted you to the Marathon? Living in Grayling and watching the race as a kid.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Winning 1st amateur in 2003.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Curious George Snacks.

What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? A feed crew member falling down face first at a dam.

**Paddler #2** Tyler Cragg Age 22  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Penrod's

# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon? The babes and the challenge.

What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? A bass almost bit my partner's hand off.

## Canoe # 72

Sponsors: Infinity Ski Poles & Woodland Water Lodge

**Paddler #1** Christina Wilson Age 40  
Hometown Durham State NH  
Occupation Mom

# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon? Racing forward - "better than rowing" which goes backwards.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Tapioca.

**Paddler #2** Peter Heed Age 59  
Hometown Westmoreland State NH  
Occupation Prosecutor/District Attorney

# Marathons 11 Best Finish 7th Most Recent 2006

What attracted you to the Marathon? Rugby injury got me into canoe racing. The challenging "zen" of night paddling brought me to the Marathon.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Sprinting against

Serge and Brett - when the sprints were two at a time. I was in awe and still am.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Vanilla milkshake at Foote Dam!!!

What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? A few years ago our pit team gave our jugs to "Pete Mead" - who were just in front of us. Then they rushed off with the tailgate down on truck so all our food went out the back! Snickers and Kool aide from then on in the race.

## Canoe # 73

Sponsors: American Collision of Mio & Fay's Motel

**Paddler #1** Frank Smutek Age 75  
Hometown Luzerne State MI  
Occupation Retired  
# Marathons 17 Best Finish 8th Most Recent 2008

What attracted you to the Marathon? I grew up in Oscoda and had to try it once.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Tipping in Foote Pond and swimming for 35 minutes.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? I don't eat.

What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? In the middle 50's we were hearing music(bend after bend) when we caught up it was a portable radio.

**Paddler #2** Greg Nelson Age 52  
Hometown Marquette State MI  
Occupation Chiropractor

# Marathons 8 Best Finish 18th Most Recent 2008

What attracted you to the Marathon? The challenge of paddling on the AuSable and paddling throughout the night.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Going thru the fog in the 2004 race.

## Canoe # 74

Sponsors: ForgeRacing.org & Days Inn of Grayling

**Paddler #1** Holly Reynolds Age 29  
Hometown Rochester State NY  
Occupation Research Scientist  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon? Dad raced canoes and taught me to race. Done other Triple Crown races and thought I better try this.

What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Watching Jason Quadliata jump out of canoe after Dylan Freedman complained about his stern handling skills.

**Paddler #2** Jeff Rankinen Age 46  
Hometown Jersey Shore State PA  
Occupation Teacher

# Marathons 4 Best Finish 7th Most Recent 2008

What attracted you to the Marathon? The challenge of keeping in shape, trying to improve.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Fog on Alcona.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Chicken and stars soup

What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Watching Matt and Tom go that extra mile (round the island on Mio).

## Canoe # 75

Sponsors: 72nd Infantry Company F

**Paddler #1** Ed Lipinski Age 39  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Hydrologic Technician

# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon? It was a way to do something I enjoy and keep in shape.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? String Cheese.

What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Looking behind me to see my partner missing.

# ... PADDLER PROFILES ...

**Paddler #2** Rodger Moak Age 40  
Hometown Roscommon State MI  
Occupation Supervisor (shop)  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching the race as a spectator.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Eggs.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Having an egg shoved down my throat by a feeder.

**Canoe #76**  
Sponsors: Sarge's Towing

**Paddler #1** Marc Gillespie Age 56  
Hometown Rochester State NY  
Occupation Financial Planner  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Canoe racing in 1973-my wrestling coach.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? I fell in.  
**Paddler #2** Matt Rudnitsky Age 23  
Hometown Gilbertsville State NY  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 5th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching racing when I was young.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Watching a non paddler attempt to stay in a pro boat.

**Canoe #77**  
Sponsors: Alaska Bowhunting Supply & Backcountry Archery

**Paddler #1** Ray Wonders Age 48  
Hometown Anchorage State AK  
Occupation Senior Procurement Specialist  
# Marathons 3 Best Finish 47th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Growing up in Grayling and feeding for my brother.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Paddling with Bob and Jan Bradford, my mentors.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Moose Jerky  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Watching another team hit a log and catapult out of their canoe, but then recovered quickly and passed us.  
**Paddler #2** Ray Wonders Jr Age 16  
Hometown Anchorage State AK  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish DNF Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching my dad and uncle race with the best.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Hitting geese with the canoe on a foggy stretch of the river.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Perpetuem - mixed with gu - Yuk!  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Watching and listening to the other canoes that ran into the flock of geese.

**Canoe #78**  
Sponsors: www.CanoeRegatta.org

**Paddler #1** Ben Schlimmer Age 20  
Hometown Cortland State NY  
Occupation Student/Bike Repairman  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 18th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Family  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Getting 18th place last year.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Watching Matt Rudnitsky throw up at madrid.

**Paddler #2** Michael Schlimmer Age 22  
Hometown Cortland State NY  
Occupation Student/IT  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 18th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Family.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Getting 18th place last year.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? 2 liters of Mt Dew.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Watching Matt flip.

**Canoe #79**

**Paddler #1** Daniel Rabinkin Age 39  
Hometown Arlington State MA  
Occupation Engineer  
# Marathons 2 Best Finish 30th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Paddling with other boats and the challenge.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Flipping in the stump field in Mio Pond at 2 am.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Tortellini.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Seeing my dad in his undies waiting for me at a pit stop.  
**Paddler #2** David Armstrong  
Hometown Silver Springs State MD  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A

**Canoe #80**  
Sponsors: 40th Anniversary of the American Construction Industry

**Paddler #1** Chuck Armstrong Age 51  
Hometown Fenton State MI  
Occupation Builder  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
**Paddler #2** Mark Trudell Age 58  
Hometown Fenton State MI  
Occupation Physician  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish DNF Most Recent N/A

**Canoe #81**

**Paddler #1** Tony Short Age 45  
Hometown Kawkawin State MI  
Occupation Consumers  
# Marathons 20+ Best Finish 2nd Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching as a boy and spending my summer in Grayling on the river.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing 3 Marathons with my dad.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Potato Chips and Rolo's.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Fell asleep while paddling my first Marathon with my father. He realized when I stopped calling huts.  
**Paddler #2** Brad Gross Age 40  
Hometown Pinconning State MI  
Occupation Sales Manager  
# Marathons 4 Best Finish 7th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Family  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? 1st race going past whirlpool with Pete Mead.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Egg salad sandwich.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Tipped during the National Anthem in NY.

**Canoe #82**  
Sponsors: Ray Bauer

**Paddler #1** Ray Bauer Age 52  
Hometown Cincinnati State OH  
Occupation Splicer  
# Marathons 9 Best Finish 24th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? It's a cool race.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? The fog and cold of 2004.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Bugs.  
**Paddler #2** Tom Ackmyer Age 43  
Hometown Cincinnati State OH  
Occupation Carpenter  
# Marathons 7 Best Finish 24th Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The distance.

**Canoe #83**  
Sponsors: Jason Thompson

**Paddler #1** Jason Thompson Age 31  
Hometown Traverse City State MI  
Occupation Attorney  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 42nd Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Growing up in Grayling and watching the race.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing the Marathon in 2007 - it's a little fuzzy, but I remember it.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Frappacino  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Mating turtles  
**Paddler #2** Nate Winkler Age 37  
Hometown Interlochen State MI  
Occupation Fisheries Biologist  
# Marathons 7 Best Finish 28th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching the lemans start in 2000.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Racing with Connie Cannon and Lynne Witte.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? My moustache.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? The guy wearing women's lingerie and a life jacket next to the river at the 2009 General Clinton. Really.

**Canoe #84**

**Paddler #1** Gary Aprea Age 66  
Hometown Austerlitz State NY  
Occupation Business owner  
# Marathons 3 Best Finish 23rd Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? My partner Gloria told me I had to do it.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Wandering around in the fog with Joe Shaw to "check out the cuts" - 4 hours.  
**Paddler #2** Gloria Wesley Age 49  
Hometown Pittsfield State MA  
Occupation Physical Therapy  
# Marathons 4 Best Finish 15th Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The challenge.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Wandering around in the fog with Joe Shaw to "check out the cuts" - 4 hours.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Watermelon.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Taking 4 hours to paddle a couple of miles above Mio in dense fog, asking people who lived near the river to drive us to our car at midnight while checking the course.



# PADDLER PROFILES

## Canoe # 88

Sponsors: SMK Beautification & Milon Supply

**Paddler #1** Jay Wichert Age 17  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Customer Associate  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish DNF Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Going to school with the Halsted Brothers.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? The run to the river and all the great fans.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Little Smokies.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? My light talking to me going from Mio to McKinley, or at least I thought it was talking.  
**Paddler #2** Matt Gabriel Jr. Age 24  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Mason Operator  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching it year after year.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Feeding  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Tipping over in March.

## Canoe # 89

Sponsors: Northern University of Health Care LLC & Green Country USA Supply The Bicycle Shop

**Paddler #1** Steve Corlew Age 28  
Hometown Brighton State MI  
Occupation Orthotics & prosthetics  
# Marathons 3 Best Finish 2nd Most Recent 2007  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Dad is a racer and watching it and growing up in Grayling.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? The starting line wipeout 2007 and exciting finish in 2007.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Bugs  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Watching my partner push the boat down the pavement after I fell on the start 2007.  
**Paddler #2** Matt Streib Age 45  
Hometown Bristol State IN  
Occupation Owner of Canoe/Kayak Sales Fluid Fun  
# Marathons 6 Best Finish 2nd Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? The competition.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? My partner falling on the start line then catching back up with 1st place in 2007.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? I'm always good for a face plant on at least one portage during the Marathon.

## Canoe # 90

Sponsors: Northern School of Dance & Dish Network

**Paddler #1** Derek Harrison Age 23  
Hometown Whittemore State MI  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Being a feeder.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Feeding  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Finding a love book in the river.  
**Paddler #2** Travis Harrison Age 27  
Hometown Clare State MI  
Occupation CPA  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 48th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching it.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing the 2008 Marathon.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Crazy bread  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Knocked out of boat by a tree branch.

## Canoe # 91

Sponsors: Cardinal Appraisals & Pavlik Trucking

**Paddler #1** Johnny Pavlik Age 21  
Hometown Twining State MI  
Occupation Milk Truck Driver  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? I watched last year and want to give it a shot.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Flipping in March when it was 27 degrees.  
**Paddler #2** Dylan DeBoever Age 16  
Hometown Whittemore State MI  
Occupation Alcona Canoes  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? My boss, the Harrisons and also watching how intense it is.

## Canoe # 92

Sponsors: Northern School of Dance & Dish Network

**Paddler #1** Nick Walton Age 36  
Hometown Haslett State MI  
Occupation Pipe Fitter  
# Marathons 4 Best Finish 9th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Living in Grayling and the competition.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Passing 6 boats from Foote Dam to the finish line for 10th place.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? A Burger King Chicken Sandwich  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Josh Sheldon in his Speedo at the Paradise Race.  
**Paddler #2** Josh Sheldon Age 28  
Hometown Potterville State MI  
Occupation Federal Technician  
# Marathons 4 Best Finish 11th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Living in Grayling and watching family race.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Paddling in cold and fog in 2004.

## Canoe # 94

Sponsors: Big Creek Bump and Paint & Two Truck Inn

**Paddler #1** Ted Smutek Age 41  
Hometown Luzerne State MI  
Occupation Owner of Big Creek Bump and  
# Marathons 10 Best Finish 11th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Father paddling the Marathon.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Paddling with my daughter in 2008.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pizza and a Kathy Manizza mix.  
**Paddler #2** Tim Sheldon Age 44  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
# Marathons N/A Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A

## Canoe # 95

Sponsors: Roberts Drugs & Available Inn & Family Line Sports Bar

**Paddler #1** Rick Gillings Age 51  
Hometown Prescott State MI  
Occupation Retired  
# Marathons 6 Best Finish 14th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Family.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Broke my foot at Foote Dam.

## Paddler #2

Kari Wainwright Age 40  
Hometown Oscoda State MI  
Occupation Irrigation Specialist  
# Marathons 1 Best Finish 50th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Family and love of the river.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Waves at Foote pond.

## Canoe # 97

**Paddler #1** Doug Moggo Age 47  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Saw Mill Worker  
# Marathons 13 Best Finish 10th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Grew up living 2 blocks from Ray's Canoe Livery. I always watched the start.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing the Marathon last year with my 16 year old son Josh.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? French Toast.  
**Paddler #2** Bob Stockton Age 24  
Hometown Higgins Lake State MI  
Occupation Fishing Guide/plumber  
# Marathons 6 Best Finish 28th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Family  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Sharing the experience with family.

## Canoe # 98

Sponsors: Kalamazoo Eagles Auto 4496 & Phoenix Records Music

**Paddler #1** Randy Allison Age 36  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Truck Driver  
# Marathons 2 Best Finish DNF Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Watching it and then trying it.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? When my partner lost his paddle about 20 feet in the air.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pizza  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? A bunch of geese hitting the boat and watching someone learn how to paddle even though I went through the same thing.  
**Paddler #2** Anthony Allison Age 17  
Hometown Grayling State MI  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Trying something I have never done before.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Watch the race when I was a kid.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Flipping at the beginning of a race.

## Canoe # 99

**Paddler #1** Martin Dauche Age 39  
Hometown St. Georges De Champlain State Quebec  
Occupation Lumber yard  
# Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A Most Recent N/A  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Challenge of endurance and paddling at night.  
**Paddler #2** Rejean Huard Age 67  
Hometown Shawinigan State Quebec  
Occupation Consultant  
# Marathons 10 Best Finish 54th Most Recent 2008  
What attracted you to the Marathon? Paddling at night.  
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? First finish in 2003 with Jason Snell.  
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Chocolate and Banana.  
What is the funniest thing you have witnessed? Woman swimming in 2007.

# ...IMPORTANT SPECTATOR INFO...

**Please be respectful and courteous to law enforcement personnel at all locations. Also remember that it is a long night for everyone.**

**CRAWFORD COUNTY** - Do to construction in Grayling **vehicle traffic will be slow.** We all must be patient while we are traveling through town. Law enforcement and race officials will do their best to manage traffic after the race start so that everyone leaves Grayling in a calm and orderly fashion. Please be patient and observe and respect traffic signs and officers instructions. Stephan, Wakeley, and McMaster's Bridges will be closed to all vehicle traffic during the race.

**OSCODA COUNTY** - Parmalee Bridge will be closed to spectators but passable to vehicles. Parmalee will not have portable lighting. If you are viewing the race from here, there are good sites along the campground on the north side or at the public access on the south side.

**MIO DAM** - Spectators are not allowed on the spillway. There is a walkway from the MDOT parking area, south of M-72, under the bridge to the dam. You will not have to walk across the highway to get to the dam. Spectators must stay clear of the pathway and the put in area as teams portage Mio Dam.

**4001 BRIDGE** - The US Forest Service may issue tickets for parking in the lot at the boat launch site without the valid parking pass. (\$5 day, \$15 week, \$30 month)

**ALCONA DAM** - Only feeders and officials will be allowed in the dam parking lot. Spectators should park in the field on the north side of the river and walk across the bridge to the portage.

**LOUD DAM** - Only feeders will be allowed to park on the road at the dam. Parking attendants will tell people where to park. All others must park and walk to the dam.

**FIVE CHANNELS** - Spectators are encouraged to park in the field, to

the south and access the dam from the top. Follow the path through the woods and it will lead you to the dam. Paddlers will be portaging down the stairs with their canoes so we ask spectators to access the dam via the top of the dam which is accessed south of the dam off the road.

**WHIRLPOOL NEAR OSCODA** - Everyone must park in the parking lot - not at the boat launch area. The US Forest Service will issue tickets at this area. US Forest Service pass is required.

## US Forest Service Recreation Fee Alert!!

A Recreation Pass is required on all vehicles entering the following river access sites: 4001 Bridge and Whirlpool Boat Landings, and Au Sable Loop and Gabions Campgrounds.

Day passes are available at the self-service fee stations at each site where required and at Alcona Canoe Rental during regular business hours.

Passes are also available at all Forest Service Offices including the Mio and Huron Shores Ranger Stations, and Lumberman's Monument from 8:00 am to 4:30 am, Mondays through Fridays.

Passes are \$5.00 (daily), \$15.00 (weekly) and \$30.00 (annually)

Recreation Fee Passes may be purchased at all Forest Service Offices and at self-serve stations located at each site.

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## MARATHON MEDIA COVERAGE

- **Y-100.3 FM WGRY** - Complete Marathon coverage! Pre-race stories, time trials coverage, start-to-finish updates and live reports with Larry Roberts and from the race office with Dave Sherbert.
- **98.5-FM WUPS** - Time trials coverage, pre-race program & start-to-finish updates.
- **104.7-FM WKJC & 1480-AM WIOS**
- Frequent race updates and finish line coverage.

## NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

**CRAWFORD COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH**

989-348-4911

**OSCODA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH**

989-826-3214

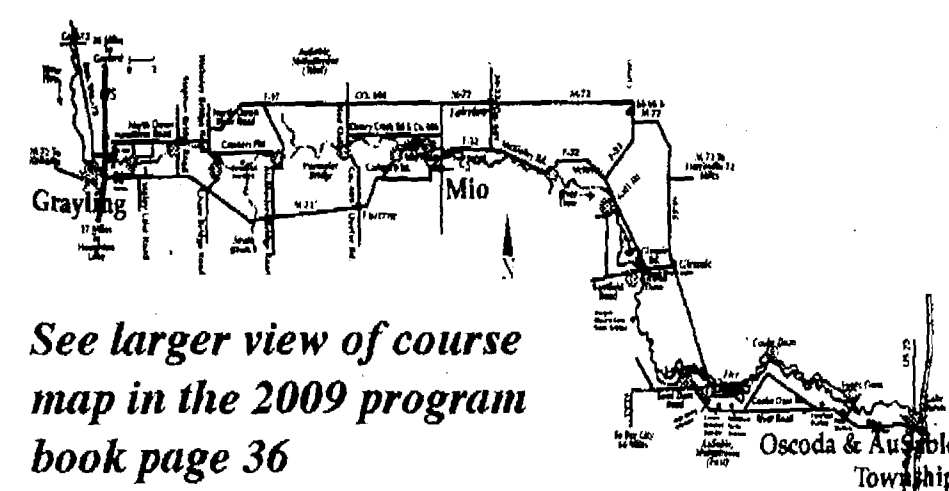
**ALCONA COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH**

989-724-0911

**IOSCO COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH**

989-362-1430

**EMERGENCIES ONLY CALL 911**



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# ...ENTRY LIST...

| CANOE# & TEAM                          | CANOE# & TEAM                          | CANOE# & TEAM                          | CANOE# & TEAM                         | CANOE# & TEAM                         | CANOE# & TEAM                        |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2 Jerry Killingbeck<br>Kyle Stonehouse | 22 Lee Barnett<br>Colin Hunter         | 37 Dick Kloss<br>Larry Frederick       | 53 Daniel Medina<br>Michael Harmon    | 70 Madelen Johnson<br>Joe Johnson     | 88 Jay Wichert<br>Matt Gabriel Jr.   |
| 4 Jorden Wakeley<br>Ryan Harris        | 23 Ken Kolonich<br>Steve Kolonich      | 39 Joseph McDougall<br>Craig McDougall | 54 Lynne Witte<br>Carina Peritore     | 71 Brian Borchert<br>Tyler Cragg      | 89 Steve Corlew<br>Matt Streib       |
| 5 Bruce Barton<br>Connie Cannon        | 24 Eric Dittenber<br>Darin Lile        | 40 Fred Mills<br>Bob Smith             | 55 Paul Freeman<br>Tom Freeman        | 72 Christina Wilson<br>Peter Heed     | 90 Derek Harrison<br>Travis Harrison |
| 7 Erich Podjaske<br>Spencer Derenzy    | 25 Tom Cannon<br>Amy Solak             | 41 Marcia Rimer<br>Sarah Webb          | 56 Shane Barber<br>Zachary Kimball    | 73 Frank Smutek<br>Greg Nelson        | 91 Johnny Pavlik<br>Dylan DeBoever   |
| 8 Tim Chapple<br>Pete Mead             | 26 Matt McDonald<br>Nick McDonald      | 42 Jon Thompson<br>Ellen Thompson      | 57 Joey Kimsel<br>Jon Webb            | 74 Holly Reynolds<br>Jeff Rankinen    | 93 Nick Walton<br>Josh Sheldon       |
| 9 Al Widing Sr.<br>Ray Quick           | 27 Joe Pollock<br>Dwight Walker        | 43 Mike Hartman<br>David Teddy         | 58 Steve Bis<br>Timothy McClure       | 75 Ed Lipinski<br>Rodger Moak         | 94 Ted Smutek<br>Tim Sheldon         |
| 10 Joe Leusby<br>Matt McDougall-Smith  | 28 Del Cummings<br>Vicki Cummings      | 44 Brad Wilson<br>Ashley Marsh         | 59 Mike Taylor<br>Martin Spees        | 76 Marc Gillespie<br>Matt Rudnitsky   | 95 Rick Gillings<br>Kari Wainwright  |
| 11 Rick Joy<br>Russ Reker              | 29 Michael Poland<br>Rodney Matthews   | 45 Skip Conant<br>Andy Tenbusch        | 60 Alec Davis<br>Roger Henry          | 77 Ray Wonders<br>Ray Wonders Jr.     | 97 Doug Moggo<br>Bob Stockton        |
| 13 Josh Taylor<br>Mitch McMillan       | 30 Jason Hatfield<br>Mike Bradford     | 46 John Lucey<br>Cheryl Lucey          | 61 Chuck Hewitt<br>Chris Hewitt       | 78 Ben Schlimmer<br>Michael Schlimmer | 98 Randy Allison<br>Anthony Allison  |
| 14 Brian Jacobs<br>Kevin Murphy        | 31 Neil Wiesnew-Hanks<br>Fritz Hansen  | 47 Jeff DeFeo<br>Cheryl Lowes          | 62 Blaise St. Pierre<br>Joe Seifert   | 79 Daniel Rabinkin<br>David Armstrong | 99 Martin Douchet<br>Rejean Huard    |
| 15 Grant Tally<br>Tim Feldkamp         | 32 Chris Curley<br>David Dailey        | 48 Jeff Baerlocher<br>Brian Royce      | 63 Sean Casey<br>Matt Meersman        | 80 Chuck Armstrong<br>Mark Trudell    |                                      |
| 17 Jim Bauer<br>Alison Scott           | 33 Michael Davis<br>Io Harberts        | 49 Ray Trudgeon<br>Brad Bauer          | 66 Steve Watson<br>Dylan Freedman     | 81 Tony Short<br>Brad Gross           |                                      |
| 18 Rusty Argue<br>Matt Hellebuyck      | 34 Emily Peterson<br>Carrie Montgomery | 50 Nick Bauer<br>Glenn Bond            | 67 Garrett Dawe<br>Tom Warschefsky    | 83 Ray Bauer<br>Tom Ackemyer          |                                      |
| 19 Devon Arenz<br>Joe Shaw             | 35 Mark Noorman<br>Frank Bailey        | 51 Anna Peterson<br>Steve Peterson     | 68 Shawn Smith<br>Chris Scully        | 84 Jason Thompson<br>Nate Winkler     |                                      |
| 21 Alex Donaldson<br>Isaac VanNuck     | 36 Michael Garon<br>Doug Gillin        | 52 Kevin Ornatowski<br>John Langstaff  | 69 Todd Van De Ven<br>Cameron McClain | 85 Gary Aprea<br>Gloria Wesley        |                                      |